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Project Update

Healthy Hearts Northwest

We are pleased to announce the first 24 H2N Oregon partner practices. These practices will embark on a journey to increase their capacity to improve the cardiovascular health of their patients by using data from their EHR to create a team-based, robust quality improvement infrastructure that they own. H2N represents an opportunity for Oregon practices to have at-the-elbow support from an ORPRN Practice Enhancement Research Coordinator (PERC). More information is available at the H2N website, www.healthyheartsnw.org.

- Aumsville Medical Clinic: Aumsville
- Canby HealthCare Clinic, LLC: Canby
- Cascade Family Care: Salem
- Columbia River Community Health Services: Boardman
- Deschutes Rim Health Clinic: Maupin
- Dunes Family Health Care: Reedsport
- Grande Ronde Hospital Regional Medical Clinic: La Grande
- Grande Ronde: Elgin
- Grande Ronde: Union
- Harney District Hospital Family Care: Burns
- Lower Columbia Clinic: Astoria
- Oak Street Medical PC: Eugene
- Outside In: Portland
- Pacific Family Medicine: Astoria
- Pearl Street Health Home: Eugene
- Pendleton Primary Care: Pendleton
- Samaritan Internal Medicine: Corvallis
- Santiam Medical Clinic: Stayton
- Springfield Family Physicians: Springfield
For over a decade, ORPRN has provided at-the-elbow support for practices to implement the chronic care model, develop a care coordination structure, evaluate workflows, establish patient advisory councils, and meet medical home targets. The key ingredient has been the presence of a practice facilitator. At ORPRN, we call these highly skilled individuals **Practice Enhancement Research Coordinators** (PERCs). Practices are always asking: "When am I going to get my PERC?" **Healthy Hearts Northwest** (H2N) provides that opportunity.

**H2N PERCs will help primary care clinics:**

#1 Use EHRs to generate data reports  
#2 Look at clinical quality measures data and identify care gaps  
#3 Develop processes for improving care and outcomes  
#4 Report data on a regular basis  
#5 Understand what is coming down the pike, and the need to change in order to survive

**Meet our H2N Team!**

**New Staff:**

**Kristin Chatfield:** Cascades East, *Bend*  
Kristin is passionate about data and research that make a difference. Her particular interests include food insecurity, poverty, and rural populations. She received her Master's Degree in Public Policy from Oregon State University and a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies with an emphasis in International Economics from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Virginia.

**Emily Chirnside:** Portland-Metro and Columbia Gorge, *Portland*  
Emily received her Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management and Policy from Oregon State University with a focus on Gerontology. Her previous experience focused on care coordination, quality improvement, and patient centered care initiatives in Post-Acute Rehabilitation facilities. Emily is originally from Grants Pass, Oregon.

**Angela Combe:** Eastern Oregon, *La Grande*  
Angela holds a Master of Science in Community Health Education and a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition/Dietetics, both from the University of New Mexico. Prior to joining ORPRN, Angela worked as Faculty for the Extension Services of Oregon State University and Washington State University. Angie grew up in Portland and has called La Grande home for the last 10 years.
Todd Noletto: Southern Willamette Valley, Eugene

Todd received a Master's degree in International Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans Louisiana, 2006. He pursued his interest in best practices for preventive care in clinical settings at Johns Hopkins as a Research Supervisor for the International Maternal Pediatric and Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trial Network (IMPAACT). Prior to joining ORPRN, Todd served as Regional Program Evaluator for the AIDS Education Training Center at Louisiana State University.

Additional H2N PERCs:

Steven Brantley: Southern Oregon, Ashland (joining in October)
Cullen Conway: Northern Willamette Valley, Portland
Beth Sommers: Portland-Metro and North Coast, Portland

Caitilin Dickinson: Project Manager

H2N is fortunate to include two HIT Specialists from Care Management Plus (CMP).

Raja Cholan holds a Bachelor's degree in General Science and Community Health Studies from Portland State University. Raja has been a Research Assistant with Care Management Plus (CMP) in the Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology at OHSU since 2013. At CMP, he helped provide technical assistance to primary care practices participating in the Comprehensive Primary Care initiative in Oregon.

Shelby Martin is a registered dietitian originally from the Houston area and has lived in Oregon since 2013. Prior to joining OHSU, she worked on numerous nutrition-related studies with institutions in the Texas Medical Center area of Houston, including the CENTURY health study for heart disease prevention and treatment. She holds a BA in French and Sociology from Sam Houston State University, a BS in Human Nutrition and Foods from University of Houston, a MS degree in Nutrition from Texas Woman's University, and a MS degree in Health Informatics from UT Health Science Center-Houston. At OHSU, she has assisted with various informatics and health care projects with the Department of Medical Informatics and Epidemiology (DMICE).

Upcoming Events

OHSU-PSU School of Public Health Grand Rounds

- Elizabeth Needham Waddell, PhD will present Early Lessons from Oregon's Behavioral Health Home Learning Collaborative
- October 15, 2015 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- OHSU Campus Service Building, Portland, Oregon
- Follow this link for more information

NW Regional Primary Care Association Conference

- October 17-20, 2015
- Seattle, Washington
• Visit the Northwest Primary Care Association website for more information

32nd Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference

• October 28-30, 2015
• Salishan Spa and Golf Resort, Gleneden Beach
• Visit the Oregon Office of Rural Health for more information

Oregon Health Authority Office of Equity and Inclusion Health Equity Conference

• Conference focusing on the implementation of health equity, diversity and inclusion policies and strategic equity initiatives throughout Oregon's health system
• November 16, 2015 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
• Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon
• $25.00
• Visit the OEI website for more information

Save the Date! Annual Spring Family Medicine Weekend & ORPRN Convocation

• March 10-12, 2016
• Embassy Suites Downtown, Portland, Oregon
• Visit www.oafp.org for more information

ORPRN Publications


Children's Health Care Quality Measures. A survey of Oregon rural clinicians providing primary medical care for children stratified the core set of 24 child health quality metrics into three tiers. The top-tier priority measures included childhood immunization status, well-child visits, adolescent immunization status, body mass index assessment, and developmental screening. Dental treatment services, adequate prenatal care, and lower-birth weight infants were among the lower-tier measures.

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