Launch of the Oregon ECHO Network

After over four years in development, ORPRN is pleased to announce the launch of the Oregon ECHO Network (OEN). The OEN is a statewide utility for Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) programming and support services. This tele-mentoring education model was originally developed at University of New Mexico to build the capacity of primary care clinicians to manage health conditions that they typically refer to specialty care. Today, this model is also used to educate clinical teams and other participants on topics ranging from practice transformation to training community health workers.

The OEN sponsoring organizations gathered for the first time in November where they discussed the charter and mission of the network. The OEN will work together to collaboratively offer ECHO programming that supports the educational needs of the healthcare workforce. The primary aim of the OEN is to increase access to specialist expertise intended to improve participants’ knowledge, skills, and processes to deliver care, and increase the number of local experts through the “force multiplier effect”.

In the first year of the OEN, the network will build a one-stop-shop website for ECHO opportunities throughout the state, will offer two sponsor-supported ECHO programs, as well as provide support to other grant and contract funded ECHO programs. The OEN team includes Dr. Ron Stock, MD, Clinical Innovation Specialist; Maggie McLain McDonnell, MPH, Senior Program Manager; Sonya Howk, MPA:HA, Research Associate; and Terry Wilson, AS, Technical Lead.

Below are the previous, current and future ECHO program offerings in Oregon from 2014 through the present. Bolded programs will be offered again during 2018.

**Current or previous offerings:**
- Adult Psychiatric Medication Management*
- Child Development*
- Child Psychiatry*
- EOCCO Community Health Worker Quality Improvement*
- Hepatitis C and Liver Care
- Primary Care Addiction → Substance Use Disorders in Ambulatory Care
- Team-based Care*

**New programs in development:**
- Hospitalist Addiction
- Nursing Facility Behavioral Health
- Geriatrics (2019)

*on hiatus

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**OEN Sponsoring Organizations**
- CareOregon
- HealthShare of Oregon
- Oregon Health Authority
- PacificSource- Columbia Gorge CCO and Central Oregon CCO
- Providence Health and Services
- Trillium Community Health Plan