



Better Health Together

This electronic newsletter will be produced weekly to provide high-level updates on the work of the DC Innovation office under the State Innovation Model (SIM) grant as DC develops the State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP). We look forward to your input on our activities and milestones as we work to improve healthcare for DC residents.

SIM Work Group Calendar

All Work Group Meetings will be held at 441 4th Street NW-Room 1028

Care Delivery Work Group
February 3, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Payment Model Work Group
February 5, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Community Linkages Work Group
February 17, 2016
1:00pm-2:00pm

Care Delivery Work Group
February 17, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Payment Models
February 18, 2016

Recent News

Update from the Latest Advisory Committee Meeting

At the January 13, 2016 Advisory Committee Meeting, representatives from each of the five SIM Work Groups gave updates on their respective work group activities. Highlights included the Community Linkages work on partnering medical service providers with permanent supportive housing providers through DC's Health Homes 2 initiative and the Care Delivery Work Groups discussions regarding barriers to quality care. Notes from the Advisory Committee are available [here](#).

Updates from Work Group Meetings

The **Care Delivery and Community Linkages Work Groups** met jointly on January 12th. The meeting focused on integrating health and social services to improve health outcomes. Specifically, participants discussed the services currently being provided in the Permanent Supportive Housing Program and social services being delivered by clinical providers. For meeting summaries and materials, [click here](#).

The **Quality Metrics and Care Delivery Work Groups** had a joint meeting on January 20th. The Groups reviewed the Health Homes quality measures required by CMS. In addition to the required measures, participants suggested that DHCF consider other measures that are more patient-centric. For information on previous meetings, [click here](#).

Quality Metrics Work Group
February 22, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP) Process

The SHIP drafting process has begun! SIM work groups are busy meeting. The DC SIM Core Team with its consultant, Navigant, will begin drafting an outline to the SHIP. The SHIP will be drafted in the coming weeks with an Interim SHIP being shared with Advisory Committee members at the March Advisory Committee Meeting.

Announcements

CMS announced the Accountable Health Communities (AHC) program grant opportunity. The Accountable Health Communities Model (ACH) is based on evidence that suggests addressing health-related social needs through clinical-community linkages improves health outcomes and reduces cost. CMS will award 44 cooperative agreements \$1 million to \$4.5 million to successfully implement the Accountable Health Communities model for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. **Letters of intent are due February 8.** CMS will host a webinar on **January 27, 2016 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.** To register, [click here](#). For more information, see <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>

Events

The DC Primary Care Association hosted a listening party for the first CMS ACH webinar with about 40 individuals from a variety of organizations in the District. Listeners discussed the type of funding (Level 1, 2, or 3) the District should pursue as well as elements that could make a District proposal competitive. They also considered how an ACH proposal could align with and support the SIM planning effort. DCPCA will be following up with attendees and other interested parties to coordinate an application.

The Department of Health Systems Administration at Georgetown University will be hosting the 2016 McAuley Lecture on **February 17th at 2:30pm.** The lecture will feature Patrick Conway, MD, the deputy administrator and chief medical officer at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The lecture will focus on health system transformation and innovation. To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Resources

NASHP Chart: Funding Sources for Meeting Social Needs

NASHP has compiled a chart of funding sources that state agencies use to address social determinants, such as stable housing, safe and prosperous neighborhoods and communities, access to healthy food, physical and mental health care, income support, and transportation. This chart is intended to help policymakers leverage existing resources to promote health across state agencies. To access the chart, visit the NASHP website [here](#).

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