New policy brief explores link between clinician wellbeing and patient care and safety

Fact Sheet on Federal Proposal to Cut SNAP Benefit Levels in Ohio by Reducing the Standard Utility Allowance

Smoking cessation program appears to improve birth outcomes

Franklin County Named Healthiest Large Employer in Central Ohio

Medicaid officials want your two cents on improving managed care

Featured Article

Central Ohio Pathways HUB Named Award Finalist by Columbus CEO Magazine

HCGC is proud to announce that the Central Ohio Pathways HUB was recognized as a finalist for Columbus CEO's "Pathway to Population Health" award as a part of their 2020 Healthcare Achievement Awards. This recognition is a reflection of the dedicated work of the HUB Community Health
Next CHW Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020
9:00-11:00 AM
Supervisor Sign-Off Time 11:00-11:30
Columbus Medical Association
1390 Dublin Rd
Columbus, OH 43215

February CHW Monthly Meeting Recap

Our latest CHW monthly meeting had a packed agenda with fantastic presentations from HUB staff and partner organizations. We welcomed Syntero for a presentation on the behavioral health programs that they have available. Next, we went over several Pathways updates, providing CHWs and supervisors the opportunity to ask questions of HUB staff.

We also celebrated the recent updated statistics showing the incredible progress within the Pathways HUB program. As of December, the HUB is serving approximately 467 clients, with a total of 747 that have come through the program for a total of over 5,625 pathways opened. This is a huge accomplishment for the Central Ohio Pathways HUB, as these outstanding numbers were generated within 10 months under HCGC leadership.

This month we had the pleasure of beginning our series of introductions by each Care Coordination Agency participating in the HUB. We heard from:

- CelebrateOne
- Franklin County Public Health
- PrimaryOne Health

Thanks to all who shared. We look forward to hearing from all of our amazing CCAs in the coming months!

We rounded out the meeting with open time for CHW's to network, share resources and ask questions.

Going forward, we look forward to connecting with more Medicaid managed care plans as well as continuing to strive to provide monthly continuing education programming and networking opportunities to support our CHWs continual and sustained success!

Insights from the HCGC Blog

Guest Blog from The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions: Employers are the Change Agents of Healthcare
By Michael Thompson

I have often cited that employers, as the main purchasers of healthcare, sit on top of the supply chain and have the potential to lead the much-needed transformation of this market. While a number of substantive changes in this industry have come from Medicare, many improvements that have occurred in our public programs have been built on the learnings and innovations led by employers themselves. The historical list of employer-led innovation is long -- cost containment, managed care, quality measures (NCQA), hospital patient safety (The Leapfrog Group), population health, consumerism, etc.

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Featured Research

Between Clinicians and Patients, Trained Community Members May Provide a Key Link

Community health workers and patient navigators work to lower barriers patients may face in receiving care and following treatment plans. PCORI-funded studies are testing whether lay people on clinical teams make a measurable difference.

An older woman with dangerously high blood pressure kept missing her medical appointments. She didn’t tell her doctor that her electricity had been cut off, forcing medical issues to take a back seat to getting the lights and heat restored. But she did tell one member of her medical team, Nadirah Rogers, who explained the problem to the woman’s doctor. Rogers also introduced the patient to programs that reduced her electric bill and helped her pay rent. Subsequently, the woman's stress level—and blood pressure—dropped.

Monthly Meeting Resources

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