

News from the COLLABORATIVE

Featured Article

Central Ohio Pathways HUB Receives Level 1 Certification



After just 8 months of existence, the Central Ohio Pathways HUB (the HUB) received its Level 1 certification from the Pathways Community HUB Institute (PCHI) in December of 2019.

Certification ensures that HUBs are able to maintain fidelity to the evidence-based the Pathways 2.0 HUB Model – a key requirement when building relationships and negotiating with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, as well as engaging certified HUBs in ongoing research and quality improvement to support the whole-person, pay-for-performance methodology and sustainability. This designation by PCHI also ensures that the HUB is the only Pathways HUB model care coordination system functioning in Franklin and the continuous counties. This assures efficiencies and prevents duplication of efforts,

thus ensuring quality, equitable care for our region's most vulnerable populations.

Under HCGC's leadership, the HUB has shown exponential growth. The top five pathways initiated in 2019 were social service referrals, education, medical referrals (including dental referrals), establishing a medical home, and pregnancy. To date, the HUB has seen 66 out of 77 of the pregnancies of mothers in the HUB result in healthy birth weight babies. 13 clients have found and maintained employment as a result of their participation, and there have been 21 people housed including 14 clients who were either homeless or facing eviction before they engaged in the HUB. There have also been 41 clients successfully connected to a primary care office, thus establishing a medical home. All of this work would not be possible without the fantastic community health workers (CHWs) who have been committed to making the HUB a success and coordinating the best possible care for their clients. The HUB currently has 28 CHWs working for 10 care coordination agencies (CCAs) in Central Ohio:

- CelebrateOne
- Columbus Urban League
- Franklin County Public Health

- Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers
- OhioHealth
- PrimaryOne Health
- Physicians CareConnection
- The Breathing Association
- Urban Strategies, Inc.
- Wellness First

For more information on the HUB, visit our [website](#). If you are interested in engaging with the HUB, please email the HUB Executive Director, Jenelle Hoseus at jenelle@hcgc.org.

March HCGC Webinar

HCGC Webinar Series Presents: **Using Healthcare Research to Empower Employers**

Thursday, March 12th, 2020
10:00 -11:30 AM

*Featured
Speakers
Include:*



Patty Starr
President & CEO
Health Action Council



Healthcare Collaborative
of Greater Columbus

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Insights from the HCGC Blog



YMCA Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program: TAKE ACTION FOR HEART HEALTH

by Caroline Rankin, MPH, Executive Director of Health Innovations, YMCA of Central Ohio

The YMCA of Central Ohio has been a leading force in Health and Wellness for nearly 160 years. The YMCA has been unafraid to take on life's many challenges including chronic disease, child abuse, and homelessness by offering wellness programs, child care, and housing.

Individuals come to the Y because we are a trusted community organization and can provide programming to support a healthier lifestyle. With approximately 1 in every 3 adults or 75 million American adults having been diagnosed with High Blood Pressure the YMCA provides the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program. The four month program helps adults with hypertension lower and manage their blood pressure. The program focuses on regulated home self-monitoring using proper measuring techniques, individualize support and nutrition education for better blood pressure management. With the support from a trained Health Heart Ambassador a participant measures and records their blood pressure at least two times per month with a BP cuff that is provided, attend two personalized consultation per month and monthly nutritional sessions.

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Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Featured Article



Shared Decision Making: Helping Patients with Chest Pain Make Decisions in the ER

Emergency physicians often recommend—or urge—monitoring and further testing when they see patients with chest pain, even if they haven't had a heart attack. A study shows benefits of patients' and doctors' using a decision aid to guide next steps.

One day in 2011, Michel Demers experienced chest pain, headaches, and dizziness. He immediately got worried, thinking of his father, who had died at 50 from a heart attack. As a stay-at-home dad, Demers had two small children to look after. He called his wife, Annie LeBlanc, PhD, a Mayo Clinic researcher. The two scrambled for childcare and then went to the emergency department at Mayo Clinic. Demers underwent numerous tests and received excellent care but still wasn't sure how sick he might be.

[Read More on PCORI's Website](#)

Upcoming Events from Our Partners

Heath Policy Institute of Ohio Presents:

Ohio's policy response to addiction: Law enforcement and the criminal justice system

This forum will explore Ohio's policy response to the addiction crisis within the law enforcement and criminal justice sectors.

[Details & Registration](#)

Institute for Healthcare Improvement Presents:

Which Way Is North? Setting Your Compass for Population Health

Trissa Torres, Chief Operations and North America Programs Officer at IHI and featuring Betsey Rhynhart, Vice President for Population Health at Concord Hospital. WIHI is an exciting "talk show" from IHI that's free, timely, and is designed to help dedicated improvers keep up with some of the freshest and most robust thinking and strategies for improving health and patient care.

[Details & Registration](#)

Institute for Diversity and Health Equity Presents

2020 National Leadership and Education Conference

Join us June 2020 in Cleveland to connect with hospital and health system executives leading the way toward improved diversity, inclusion and equity in health care.

[Details & Registration](#)



Articles of Interest

[Addressing Food Insecurity In Clinical Care: Lessons From The Mid-Ohio Pharmacy Experience](#)

[Why hospitals want to invest in affordable housing](#)

[NIHCM: Youth Mental Health: Trends and Outlook](#)

[Center for Community Solutions: SNAP Benefits: Keeping Track of the Proposed Changes](#)

[Columbus Dispatch reporting on 'How Consolidation Impacts Patients' included in NIHCM Foundation Announcement of Over \\$400K in Journalism Grants](#)

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Monthly Meeting Resources

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