Central Ohio Hospital Council report identifies Franklin County’s biggest health challenges as mental health and addiction; income and poverty; and maternal and infant health

A June 26 Columbus Dispatch article highlights a report developed by the Central Ohio Hospital Council to identify what the community most needs.

HCGC proudly collaborates with the Central Ohio Hospital Council and several of the organizations involved in creating the Franklin County Health Map 2019. We are thrilled to see multiple health systems across central Ohio come together to address the needs of patients in the region.

HCGC convenes and leads projects to address all of these challenges, with a particular focus on mental health and maternal health, the two areas that were determined highest need.

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August Regional Learning Session

Calling all Health Leaders and Decision Makers in Central Ohio...

August 7, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Franklin University
Ross Auditorium in Alumni Hall

August Regional Learning Session: Population Health

In follow up to our April Regional Learning Session on Population Health, we are convening to build on the momentum and begin work towards creating a regional plan for Population Health in Central Ohio.

To establish a benchmark at the regional level, we are asking attendees to take the Pathways to Population Compass Assessment, which will guide our goal setting and action planning for the day.

All attendees are asked to save their results, as they will be used at an aggregate level to help us determine where we currently stand as a region.

SEATING IS LIMITED AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS FREE EVENT.

Take the Assessment  Register for Session
“Quality” and “value” metrics are becoming the vernacular for the American healthcare industry payment models, but do we, healthcare providers, offer our patients choices to achieve the highest “quality of life” and receive the best “economical value” during the final weeks or months before they die? The data reveals missed opportunities abound when it comes to discussing goals of care, Advanced Directives and their documentation.

Retrospectively, my medical school education and residency training zeroed in on identifying and treating every disease in the Kelley's Textbook of Internal Medicine. As an outpatient PCP for 18 years, my focus was on making sure that I met national standard benchmarks of “quality” healthcare including hgbA1c for diabetics, BP for hypertensive patients, routine vaccines at annual physicals, etc. Of course during my early years in practice, when I was documenting on paper and had more time to spend with each patient, conversations about end of life goals were less taxing and less forced. Then, electronic health records arrived and my time was suddenly consumed with documentation, which is ubiquitous across all medical fields.

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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.

Demers recalls feeling very anxious: “I was thinking, if they have to do so many tests, maybe I have a very big problem.”

Physicians wanted to monitor him overnight and run more tests the next morning, but the couple worried about the cost of an overnight stay and about care of their children. Demers spoke mostly French—the family had recently moved from Canada—so LeBlanc was uncomfortable leaving him on his own in the hospital.

Upcoming Events from Our Partners

Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) presents:

2019 Annual Meeting: A Family Medicine Celebration

This year’s meeting will feature AAFP’s Physician Health First CME session, the first-ever comprehensive initiative devoted to improving the well-being and professional satisfaction of family physicians.

Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) presents their annual

National Affordability Summit

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Christopher Koller, President of Milbank Memorial Fund and bringing together top thought leaders and change makers taking action and creating urgency for affordable healthcare.
Monthly Meeting Resources

Following each Monthly Meeting and Regional Learning Session, the agenda, speaker information, slide deck and other relevant resources are uploaded to the HCGC website for your reference.

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