



The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, together with project partners, is undertaking a study of housing in the region to develop a Regional Housing Strategy

This survey will help us to understand current housing conditions in Central Ohio, and provide us with the information needed to ensure all residents have access to safe, affordable, dignified, and quality housing in places of choice and with access to other amenities, including transportation.

This survey will take 10 minutes to complete, and the deadline is Friday, November 8th. Thank you for your participation!

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Next CHW Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2019
9:00-11:00 AM
Columbus Medical Association
1390 Dublin Rd
Columbus, OH 43215



October CHW Monthly Meeting Recap

Our latest CHW monthly meeting had a packed agenda with fantastic presentations from HUB staff and partner organizations. Jenelle Hoseus began the meeting with several Pathways updates, allowing for CHW time to network and ask questions about their work in the field.

We also celebrated the recent updated statistics showing the incredible progress within the Pathways HUB program. As of October, the HUB is serving approximately 270 clients, with a total of 410 that have come through the program for a total of over 3,000 pathways opened. This is a huge accomplishment for the Central Ohio Pathways HUB, as these outstanding numbers were generated within the initial first 7 months under HCGC leadership.

This month we welcomed several fantastic organizations who presented quality, useful information to our CHWs. Julie McMahon from Komen of Columbus presented on their partnership with the HUB, and how excited they are to work with our CHWs to provide education and referrals for breast health services in the community. Next, we welcomed Nationwide Children's Hospital's Nurse Family Partnership. They were fantastic in sharing resources on their program. Finally, Kathleen Burns Eesly from the United States Census Bureau gave a presentation on the upcoming 2020 US Census, and how CHWs can encourage clients to participate to ensure continued funding for services in Central Ohio.

We are excited to send the new CHWs out into the Pathways HUB field, while also continuing to strive to provide monthly continuing education programming and networking opportunities to support our CHWs continual and sustained success!



Integrating Social Determinant of Health Data with Regional Quality Data Reporting

by Heidi Christman

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Central Ohio providers continue to be open and transparent with one another about how they perform on specific quality measures with an eye on improving health and healthcare delivery across the region. HCGC is pleased to release our **second regional quality report of 2019** with data on nine clinical quality measures from 11 healthcare organizations representing over 140 primary care practice sites that are caring for more than 640,000 patients across Central Ohio. Our Quality Improvement Learning Group (QILG) has hosts quarterly work sessions for practices and quality improvement system leaders to evaluate regional performance, set goals, and align improvement activities at a system and practice level.

Since 2014, the report has been released twice a year, providing benchmarking, trends and important insights to help as practices strive for continuous improvement. Over the years, HCGC has increased the number of practices from just over 80 reporting in 2014, to 159 in the report released earlier this year. The number of quality measures has also increased as a result of the collaborative work of the QILG.

For the first time, the most current report includes social determinant of health (SDOH) data. HCGC is excited to add this important data to our regional quality reporting, as we feel as though it will inform, expand and improve the clinical data we will continue to collect in conjunction with the traditional regional quality report. We have been able to add SDOH data because of our work with the Central Ohio Pathways HUB (the HUB.) Patient level data has been collected on both risks and outcomes that have addressed client needs in real time through the outstanding work of community health workers (CHWs) identifying, meeting with, and serving clients around central Ohio.

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Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Featured Research

Does a Program that Focuses on Lifestyle Changes Reduce Heart Disease Risk Factors?

The risk of heart disease in rural Appalachian Kentucky is among the highest in the country. Risk factors for heart disease include having high blood pressure, eating unhealthy



foods, being overweight, not exercising, smoking, and feeling depressed. Many people here have more than one risk factor. The chance of developing heart disease is higher in this part of the country, in part because many people don't know much about these risks. They also have limited access to health care.

This study compared two ways to help people reduce their risk of heart disease. All people in the study got referrals to doctors they could see regularly. Half of the people also went to small-group classes taught by trained health workers from the community. The classes focused on healthy choices that people can make to reduce their risk for heart disease. The research team wanted to learn whether providing these classes was better at helping people reduce their risk for heart disease than only referring people to a doctor.

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