Latest News and Events

City of Columbus Flu Shot Finder

Mount Carmel raises its minimum wage to $15 per hour

COHC Releases 2019 Community Benefit Report

Malnutrition Awareness Resources from OAFP

Columbus Medical Association Move the Needle Campaign: Tag your flu shot

Featured Article

Franklin County Public Health Receives $3.9 Million Grant to Enhance Community’s Response to the Opiate Crisis, HCGC Included in Partner Funding

Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) was awarded a three-year Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose Data to Action Grant, which will bring $3.9 million dollars a year to our community to fight the opiate crisis. The purpose of the funding is to obtain high quality, more comprehensive, and timelier data on overdose morbidity and mortality, and use the data to inform prevention and response efforts.

“This funding opportunity will enable us to expand and enhance existing partnerships in innovative ways to respond to this community crisis,” said Franklin County Health
Commissioner Joe Mazzola. “Together we will have the ability to create an enhanced infrastructure to support data integration, further develop strategies to establish opioid prevention and surveillance activities, and ultimately reduce the number of opioid-related fatalities in our community.”

Franklin County and Columbus have already made great collaborative strides to work together to fight the opiate crisis through the Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan (originally adopted as the Franklin County Opiate Action Plan in 2017).

This CDC grant will enable partners to take that work a step further. This year alone, FCPH will be sending nearly $2.3 million out to partner organizations to continue their great work. Partner agencies include: Columbus Division of Fire; Columbus Public Health; Educational Service Center of Central Ohio; Equitas Health; Franklin County Children Services; Franklin County Coroner’s Office; Franklin County’s Office of Justice Policy and Programs; Mount Carmel Health System; Ohio Association of Community Health Centers; Ohio State University College of Public Health; Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus; OhioHealth; Ohio University; The Ohio State University College of Public Health, and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

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**Next CHW Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, October 3rd, 2019**  
9:00-11:00 AM  
Columbus Medical Association  
1390 Dublin Rd  
Columbus, OH 43215

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**August 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 September, the HUB is serving approximately 251 clients, with a total of 387 that have come through the program for a total of over 2,831 pathways opened. This is a huge accomplishment for the Central Ohio Pathways HUB, as these outstanding numbers were generated within the initial first 6 months under HCGC leadership.

Jenelle presented information on funding from the Susan J. Komen of Columbus Foundation that our HUB will be receiving and implementing starting on October 1st. She shared how CHWs can help educate and link clients in the HUB to breast health services. We are excited to welcome Komen to our upcoming October meeting.
We also had the pleasure of having Caroline Rankin from YMCA, who presented on their blood pressure screening and management program. She shared with the CHWs how they can refer clients to the program. Finally we welcomed representatives from the Dalton Foundation, who gave a presentation on their website, relink.org. The website is an addiction services referral platform that CHWs learned they could use to help their clients in the field.

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!

Upcoming Events
October Regional Learning Session:
Data-Driven Population Health

Join us for our October Regional Learning Session, where the HCGC staff and regional experts will provide a local perspective on data-driven population health.

Dan Paoletti, CEO of the Ohio Health Information Partnership/CliniSync will share evolutions in CliniSync’s Data Mart/Population Health scope of work and build understanding around the impact that the HIE can have on clinical decision making and data exchange.

Community Reaction Panel
Local experts will discuss and engage participants in a conversation about how data and clinical quality improvements have shaped the plans of care for patients with co-morbidities, and how social determinants of health impact clinical outcomes and improvement processes.

Maria Courser, MD
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
Medical Director, Quality
Mount Carmel Medical Group Trivillage

Joshua Joseph, MD
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Ohio State University
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CEO
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Insights from the HCGC Blog

Emerging Opportunities to Provide Care Coordination through the Central Ohio Pathways HUB
by Heidi Christman,
Director of Communications, HCGC
Since January of this year, HCGC has been managing the Central Ohio Pathways HUB, a care coordination program that links the most at-risk populations in our region to services that address their social, economic, and both mental and physical health needs. We have seen great success in connecting clients with several services including insurance enrollment; establishing a medical home with a primary care physician; access to mental health services; addiction and cessation services for drugs, alcohol and nicotine; prenatal and postnatal care for new mothers and their babies; stable, affordable housing; reliable, coordinated transportation; chronic disease management; and various education opportunities regarding a plethora of subject matter including safe sleep for babies and insurance renewal requirements. Through the supervision of ten Care Coordination Agencies (CCAs), our HUB Community Health Workers (CHWs) have enrolled 387 clients in the HUB, with 251 of those individuals being currently active in the system. Those 387 clients have accounted for over 2,800 Pathways, or connections to the aforementioned and other care and services.

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Featured Research

Comparing Two Programs to Increase Cancer Screening for Women with Depression

Getting screened for cancer at a doctor’s visit can lead to early detection and treatment. But it can be hard for people with depression and limited resources to stay up to date with their care by scheduling regular visits and screenings.

In this study, the research team compared two programs to help women get up to date on screenings for breast, cervical, or colorectal cancer:

- Collaborative Care Intervention, or CCI, focused both on improving cancer screening and on depression symptoms. The research team developed the CCI program for this study.
- Prevention Care Management, or PCM, focused only on improving cancer screening. Women in the study had symptoms of depression, lived in an urban area, and were overdue for breast, cervical, or colorectal cancer screening.

Monthly Meeting Resources

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

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