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STARFIELD HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT ISSUE BRIEF

Theme: Social Determinants of Health in Primary Care

Title of IGNITE Presentation Topic

Community Health Improvement Plans & Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes as Tools to Address Health Disparities

Why This Is an Important Topic to Address (brief description):

Health disparities result in untold human and economic costs to Oregon and the entire nation. Addressing these disparities requires a multi-pronged approach, focused at the individual, family, community, and state levels. Oregon has begun to succeed in moving the needle on health disparities through the Community Health Improvement Plans developed by Coordinated Care Organizations, and by developing, implementing, and financially supporting a unique model for Patient-Centered Primary Care Homes.

What We Think We Know (Bulleted evidence + Seminal references):

- Investment in primary care facilitates achieving the triple aim by improving outcomes, delivering better care, and saving money
- Providing a wider range of services (e.g. behavioral health, group visits, or patient education options) in primary care settings increases the likelihood that those most affected by health disparities will have access to these services
- However, investment in primary care alone is insufficient, as many of the causes of health disparities occur in the community, not in the medical setting
- Community health improvement plans developed in conjunction with the affected communities can have a significant impact on overall health in those communities

Implementation of Oregon's PCPCH Program: Exemplary Practice and Program Findings <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/pcpch/Documents/PCPCH-Program-Implementation-Report-Final-Sept-2016.pdf>

Oregon Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Program
<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/pcpch/Pages/index.aspx>

Oregon Health Policy Board Coordinated Care Organization Community Health Improvement Plans <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPB/Pages/health-reform/certification/cco-chip.aspx>

Culturally Grounded Prevention for Minority Youth Populations: A Systematic Review of the Literature. [Review] Lauricella M; Valdez JK; Okamoto SK; Helm S; Zaremba C. *Journal of Primary Prevention*. 37(1):11-32, 2016 Feb.

Questions for Group Discussion

Questions to Address in Group Discussion

- How can Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) be used to address social determinants of health?
- What can states do to promote investment in primary care?
- What metrics and outcome measures for primary care investment and CHIPs truly assess reductions in health disparities?

Implications for Action (In Research, Education, Policy, Practice and Organizational and Community Action)

- Development of standardized metrics and outcome measures for use by both Medicaid and commercial insurers to measure achievement of patient-centered outcomes as a result of investment in primary care
- Measurement of improved outcomes of CHIPs that result from robust stakeholder participation
- State & Federal policy (statute and rule) that promote investment in primary care