

The West Virginia Health Innovation Collaborative

Goals of the Collaborative

- Better health: West Virginians can reach improved health and productivity through a renewed focus on addressing the root causes of poor health, including lack of preventive care, physical inactivity, and poor nutrition.
- Better care: West Virginians should always get the right care, in the right place, at the right time. Yet, there is widespread agreement that the health care system as currently structured results in both missed opportunities for care and the provision of unnecessary, and sometimes harmful, health care services.
- Lower costs: West Virginia can lower the total cost of health care per person throughout the system – including Medicaid, CHIP, PEIA and private insurance – by improving the efficiency of care and reducing waste and duplication.

Specific Objectives

- Facilitate communication among various stakeholders on critical concepts and ideas
- Host regular discussions on the most pressing health issues facing West Virginia
- Provide a regular update as to state agency projects and initiatives
- Identify and inventory health improvement efforts in West Virginia
- Enable existing work groups and initiatives to use this forum as a means to inform others and share best practices
- Solicit support from both public and private partners
- Develop work groups with tasks to address cost, quality and care issues
- Review information and recommendations from the work groups
- Make program recommendations to the appropriate public and private stakeholders
- Actively participate in the development of State Health Plans
- Incorporate representatives from existing boards, commissions, and councils as necessary to avoid duplication
- Establish Workgroups to achieve the goals of the Collaborative

Work Groups: There will be a minimum of one major work group for each of the initiative's three goals. Work groups will recruit and engage appropriate individuals and groups to win support and participation in the process. Identify and recommend programs to the broader Collaborative for consideration as best practices. Establish work groups or smaller teams to accomplish time-limited projects or ongoing tasks. Smaller teams coordinate work across multiple work groups, projects and programs.

Better Health Work Group: This major work group will explore best practices, options, initiatives and programs that will:

- Encourage healthy lifestyles.
- Improve maternal and newborn health.
- Increase preventive care.

- Better manage chronic conditions.
- Increase access to primary care providers.
- Increase access to behavioral health.
- Prevent and treat substance abuse.
- Improve care for seniors.
- Promote palliative care programs.
- Promote patient and family participation in health care decision planning.

Better Care Work Group: This major work group will explore best practices, options, initiatives and programs that will:

- Establish a *Quality Care Team* to identify health risks and establish quality metrics for improvement.
- Implement patient-centered systems such as Patient Centered Medical Homes and Community Care Teams to improve care coordination.
- Obtain health statistics measures of current health status.
- Engage health care providers in quality improvement programs
- Provide systems to share data with participating partners.
- Implement program for sharing of best practices.
- Identify programs to reduce avoidable complications, ED visits and hospitalizations.

Cost Containment Work Group: This major work group will explore best practices, options, initiatives and programs among multiple payers and providers that will:

- Provide alternate payment methodologies and financing mechanisms that:
- Reward positive outcomes and higher quality at lower cost.
- Promote coordinated, comprehensive patient centric-care through patient-centered systems such as Patient Centered Medical Homes and Community Care Teams.
- Promote appropriate utilization of services
- Decrease unnecessary or preventable ED visits and hospital admissions.
- Identify duplication of services and opportunities for shared services.
- Promote utilization of best practices and guidelines

Participation and Support

Participation is voluntary and open to all. Participants include citizens and advocates; medical, behavioral, dental and other health care professionals, institutions and organizations; human services providers, public and private insurance plans, academic institutions, the business and legal communities, state and local government among others, health care and information technology and data organizations. Coordination and support is provided by the Governor's Office of Health Enhancement and Lifestyle Planning (GOHELP) and the DHHR Office of Health Improvement using existing staff and resources.