Beacon Leadership Team (BLT) Wrap

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A very special thanks goes out to Dr. David Lobach, Beacon Clinical Informatics Advisor. He did an awesome job this week during our Beacon’s turn during the ONC’s monthly “Sustainability Webinars.” While presenting our “Planning for the Future” PowerPoint, he provided the background on the SPBC, our approach for establishing projects, provided an overview of our thirty projects, detailed our sustainability approaches with examples, and provided observations and lessons learned. Our sustainability approach boils down to two strategies:

1. “Attach to a bigger bird” and integrate with existing systems (examples are the CCNC’s Informatics Center, the three health systems in the catchment, and the health departments/alliance.)
2. “Show me the money” – demonstrate positive Return on Investment (ROI). (examples are the care transition initiatives, COPD screening, and Virtual Care).

If you would like a copy of the presentation, please let me know. Thanks again, Dr. Lobach!

Meaningful Use (MU) Update

Way to go, NC Medicaid Eligible Providers and those who helped them register and receive AIU or MU dollars! Over $3.7m in NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Payments has been paid to Eligible Providers and 1 Hospital in Cabarrus, Rowan, and Stanly counties as of 2/21/13. See below for the breakdown:

Cabarrus $2,468,370 (61 Eligible Providers), Rowan $518,500 (25 Eligible Providers)
Stanly $744,956 (16 Eligible Providers and 1 hospital). Congrats!

Total $3,731,826 (102 Eligible Providers and 1 hospital)
Previous NC Medicaid Webinars

January 30th – Introduction to the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
This webinar will walk providers through the basics of the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. This high-level overview will be a must-attend webinar for those who are new to the program.
Click here for the recorded podcast!
Click here for the powerpoint slide deck. (PDF, 809 KB)

BONUS! January 30th – Stage 1 Changes: What You Need to Know For Program Year 2013
Do you know all the changes to Stage 1 MU coming down the pike? CMS recently made some changes to Stage 1 meaningful use - effective as of program year 2013. We’re making these changes a little bit easier for our providers. Tune into this webinar to learn more about the changes coming for Stage 1! You’ll be glad you did!
Click here for the recorded podcast!
Click here for the powerpoint slide deck. (PDF, 449 KB)

February 6th – Preparing for Attestation
Congratulations! You’ve determined that you are eligible to participate in the NC Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program. This webinar will provide you a step-by-step tour through the planning process, covering program registration with CMS, ensuring your EHR is certified with the ONC Certified Health IT Product List, creating an account with the NC Medicaid Incentive Payment System (NC-MIPS), and orientation to our program website and attestation guide resources.
Click here for the recorded podcast!
Click here for the powerpoint slide deck. (PDF, 874 KB)

February 13th – Attesting for Your Incentive Payment in NC-MIPS
Tune in to this webinar to learn all the tips and tricks to attesting for your Medicaid incentive payment! You’ll learn the easiest way to navigate through the NC-MIPS Portal when attesting for an adopt, implement or upgrade (AIU) or Meaningful Use (MU) payment. Best of all, you’ll come to learn that help is always just a click or a phone call away!
Click here for the recorded podcast!

February 20th – Understanding Patient Volume
This webinar will tell you everything there is to know about the Medicaid Patient Volume requirements. We’ll guide you through the process of choosing your methodology (individual or group) and reporting accurate encounter data. If you are unsure of how to properly calculate patient volume, this one’s for you.
Webinar Link: https://dhhs.ncgovconnect.com/patientvolume/ (enter as guest) Note: No pre-register needed, this will take you directly into the webinar room.
Conference Dial-In Number: 877-810-9415
Participant Code: 6145639
**Must read articles**

Patients with Lower Activation Associated with Higher Costs; Delivery Systems Should Know Their Patients’ ‘Scores’

In a bid to improve health outcomes and lower costs, many health care delivery systems are seeking to make patients more active participants in treatment decisions and the management of their care—a strategy often referred to as "patient activation." A Commonwealth Fund–supported study of a large care delivery system in Minnesota found that patients with the highest level of patient activation had significantly lower costs than those who were the least activated.


**Must see media clips/internet links**

We are pleased to share that we have now gone public with our HiTech + HiTouch video!

Click the link here
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiuPJ5I2t6E&playnext=1&list=PL9CZabk3nD4H8nck6xZ7MWcBFo9kWLrui&feature=results_main](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiuPJ5I2t6E&playnext=1&list=PL9CZabk3nD4H8nck6xZ7MWcBFo9kWLrui&feature=results_main)

Cabarrus Family Medicine – Kannapolis and Concord released “Veronica’s Story”, a story that shares how their Virtual Care project for monitoring diabetes helps Veronica cope and successfully manage her condition. Please click the link here  [http://sproutvideo.com/videos/a49bd8b71a1ee5c42c?type=hd](http://sproutvideo.com/videos/a49bd8b71a1ee5c42c?type=hd)
Upcoming Meetings and Events

March 3\textsuperscript{rd} – 7\textsuperscript{th} – HIMSS New Orleans
March 4\textsuperscript{th} – 6\textsuperscript{th} - NORC at the University of Chicago site visit to Southern Piedmont Beacon Community
March 5\textsuperscript{th} - BEC Meeting (canceled)
July 10\textsuperscript{th}-12\textsuperscript{th} - National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), Dallas, TX

Career Opportunities

CCofSP Opportunities

Southern Piedmont Community Care Plan d/b/a Community Care of Southern Piedmont (CCofSP), a Beacon Community, is a nonprofit organization and one of fourteen (14) Community Care Networks currently serving Medicaid and dually-eligible enrollees across the state of North Carolina. The foundation is physician led and includes implementation of evidence-based practice guidelines, targeted care and population management, physician engagement and buy-in, local partnerships and collaborative arrangements with local hospitals, health departments, mental health providers and departments of social services. CCofSP serves three counties, Cabarrus, Rowan and Stanly.

If you want to join a dynamic team, enhance your career and make a difference in the lives of others, then CCofSP is the place to work. We offer a great work environment in all three locations, competitive salaries, excellent benefits (health, dental, vision, 403b), vacation/sick time after 90 days of employment
and much more. Visit our website at www.ccofsp.com. To apply, please email your resume and the position you are applying for to: HR@CCofSP.com

CCNC Opportunities

Community Care of North Carolina is a nonprofit organization that works collaboratively with physicians and other health care professionals to improve health care quality and restrain costs. We serve beneficiaries of Medicaid, Medicare and have begun partnerships with private sector organizations, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. If you want to make a difference in the health of North Carolinians, CCNC might be the place for you. Currently, we are seeking to fill the openings listed below. For more information contact HR Director John Dowd

Career opportunities at CCNC. Applications are currently being accepted for the following positions. For more information, please see the CCNC Careers page.

- ETL Programmer
- Project Assistant/Beacon
- Communications Specialist
- Senior Analyst, Quality Measurement and Reporting
- Staff Accountant-AR/AP
- Grants Manager
- Health Coach-RN
- Administrative Assistant

Positions at local CCNC networks

If you’re interested in position at one of the 14 CCNC networks, please go to our Network Careers Page.

Helpful Links

Beacon Communities
http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/beacon-community-program

Southern Piedmont Beacon Community
845 Church Street North, Suite 104 Concord, NC 28025
http://www.ccofsp.com/beacon
Southern Piedmont Beacon Community
http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov__southern_piedmont_beacon__community/3327

NC Office of Health Information Technology
http://www.ncdhhs.gov/healthIT/

NC MIPS - North Carolina’s Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment System
https://ncmips.nctracks.nc.gov/

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program
http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ehr.htm

Medicaid service providers may attest for incentive payments on the NC-MIPS Portal at
https://ncmips.nctracks.nc.gov/

North Carolina AHEC REC
https://www.ncahecrec.net/

Charlotte AHEC REC
http://www.charlotteahec.org/continuing_education/quality_initiatives/rec_hit_ipip.cfm

Northwest AHEC REC
http://www.wakehealth.edu/Northwest-AHEC/Regional-Extension-Center.htm

Stay connected, communicate, and collaborate with ONC

Browse the ONC websites at: healthIT.gov

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

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- LinkedIn: Health IT and Electronic Health Records
- Scribd: http://www.scribd.com/HealthIT/
- Flickr: http://www.flickr.com/photos/healthit
- Health IT Buzz Blog

Stay connected with CMS

Browse the CMS Innovations website at: http://www.innovations.cms.gov/

Southern Piedmont Beacon Community
845 Church Street North, Suite 104 Concord, NC 28025
http://www.ccofsp.com/beacon
Potential Beacon Headlines in 2013:

- A Beacon Community has safer hospitals
- A Beacon Patient is a better informed patient
- A Beacon Physician has the information they need to direct patient care
- A Beacon Community keeps patients and families from falling through the cracks
- A Beacon Community is a community that has bent the cost curve

Do you need to find a previous edition? They are available on our website located at http://www.ccofsp.com/beacon-blt-wraps

Have a safe and wonderful weekend!