



BHT BOARD SECTOR COMMUNICATION E-MAIL EXAMPLE

Dear BHT Board Members,

See below for this month's Sector Email! I have included some language around our decision to select 4 projects. Please edit add to this email as you see fit.

Please fill out the highlighted sections with your Sector, Name, and personal Notes to introduce the email.

When forwarding to your sector contacts, please remember to cc: Alison and Hadley.

Thanks!

Hadley



Accountable Community of Health

Sector Update

November 2017

A Note from BHT Board Member

[Board Member Name, Organization]

Insert Personalized note to sector here

BHT Board Meeting:

November 2, 2017

A quick summary of key decisions and updates made at our most recent Board meeting:

- Approved selection of **4 projects**, for the BHT region to take on for Medicaid Transformation. These will include Bi-Directional Integration, Opioid Response, Care Coordination, and Chronic Disease Management. It is the intent that each county based Collaborative will also address clinical and community strategies related to Oral Health, Maternal & Child Health, Transitions and Diversion in order to earn the full Collaborative level incentive from the Medicaid Demonstration Project funds.
- Approved 2016 Audit report and 2018 BHT Budget
- Appointed 2018 BHT Board Officers:
 - Chair, Tom Martin
 - Vice Chair, Sharon Fairchild
 - Treasurer, Lynn Kimball
 - Secretary, Antony Chiang
 - At Large, Phil Tyler



An unexpected change to the scoring methodology for project plans was the final influencer in the Board's decision. HCA announced Friday October 27, that ACHs who take on four projects would now be eligible to earn 100% of their allotted funds. In the original scoring, ACHs took a penalty up front for not selecting more than 4 projects. HCA made this change in response to the recent cut in Up to Transformation project funding, to allow ACHs to choose a more focused approach now that we will be operating with potentially 30% fewer dollars.

Choosing four projects made sense to us for a lot of the same reasons choosing six did. Our region feels a commitment to all eight project areas, which represent valuable strategies for achieving improved community health. Not to mention, elements of all these projects areas are so interconnected, that strategic implementation planning can address multiple areas at once. However, choosing a project commits the entire region to addressing those metrics, which is a big risk in some areas. Projects will be asking some providers to make big changes, and more project reporting will be a bigger burden. We are choosing to not select Transitions or Diversion Intervention, Oral Health, and Reproductive, Maternal and Child health. However, we will direct our Collaborative planning teams to look for opportunities to weave in strategies from the above projects to the project areas we are selecting - Bi-Directional Integration of Care, Care Coordination, Opioid Response, and Chronic Disease Management. After all, once we earn the dollars in these areas, we can spend them however we want. This will allow us greater capacity to focus on success in our projects, and more flexibility to weave in complementary strategies as they best support the region.

BHT Payments to 42 Partners

To date, we've authorized \$101,000 in payments to partners who completed our Health Systems and Care Coordination Inventories. These inventories have provided helpful data to shape project and Community Health Transformation Collaboratives recommendations and planning to inform implementation. We offered a performance payment for completion of the inventories. We are in the process of authorizing payments; the total anticipated payout is \$181,000. We are excited to make our first set transformation Performance payments to the region.

HCA Updates:

HCA to implement opioid clinical policy for Apple Health (Medicaid) November 1

Each additional day of prescription opioid use increases the risk of opioid use disorder. Approximately 700 Washingtonians die each year because of opioid overdose. To help curb this public health crisis, the HCA beginning on Nov. 1, 2017, will limit the quantity of opioids that providers can prescribe to Apple Health clients for short-term use. [Read more here.](#)

Providers invited to learn next steps for the Medicaid Alternative Care (MAC) and Tailored Supports for Older Adults (TSOA) programs

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALISA) invites care providers to join a webinar next Monday, November 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. The programs are under Initiative 2 of the [Medicaid Transformation Demonstration](#). Register for the webinar [here](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

Healthier Washington Glossary of Terms

During our last call with the ACH Communications Council, it came up more than once just how important it is to use similar and sensitive language, especially during a time when there is always new information coming about and when we are always meeting new people.

This glossary is the product of careful research by staff from DOH, DSHS and HCA who are engaged in



Healthier Washington communications. It provides guidance on many of the names, terms and acronyms used under the Healthier Washington initiative. It will help us to be consistent when communicating and better help us understand each other's work. See it [here](#).

Voices of a Healthier Washington:

Cross-collaboration breaks cycle of crime

The Better Health Together Accountable Community of Health (ACH) is working closely with Ferry County Jail to build stronger supports around inmates and their families as they're released, to reduce recidivism in regards to both health and incarceration. Read the full story here: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington/cross-collaboration-breaks-cycle-crime>.

Next Key Dates & Meetings:

- **ACH Regional Project Portfolio Due to HCA:** November 16
- **Tribal Partner Leadership Council:** November 28
- **Leadership Council:** No meeting in November
- **BHT Board:** December 14, 12pm-1pm (public comment hour) and 1pm-4pm (board meeting) at The Philanthropy Center