

Public Health Report
Population Health Workgroup/CHEMS/CHW/Regional Health Collaborative/Telehealth
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Activity Dates: April-May 2015

Activities Related to SHIP:

- Community Health Worker (CHW): IDHW staff meet internally to align the SHIP effort with funding in the Bureau of Community and Environmental Health, Division of Public Health.
- Population Health Workgroup members are identified and meeting options were sent to participants by the workgroup chair, Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division of Public Health Administrator.
- Dr. Christine Hahn will co-chair the Clinical Quality Measures Workgroup with Dr. Andrew Baron.

Committee Meeting Updates:

- CHW: an electronic survey was sent to healthcare entities statewide on May 5. The purpose of the survey is to assess current use of CHWs and identify CHWs for a focus group meeting. A second similar CHW survey for community based organizations is in the final draft phase with a tentative release of May 18.
- Community Health EMS (CHEMS): Information about the SHIP CHEMS opportunity was distributed to EMS agencies statewide. A webinar was conducted on April 29 to provide information about current community paramedic education programs, the SHIP timeline, and answer questions. There are currently 14 agencies that expressed interest in the CHEMS initiative.
- Telehealth Council: The Council met on May 8 and drafted a proposal for Director Armstrong's consideration regarding future Council efforts. The proposal includes telehealth expansion under SHIP.
- Regional Health Collaboratives: IDHW staff meet weekly with public health district directors to finalize the scope of work for health district contracts. CMMI requires the submission of a detailed budget justification narrative for these seven district contracts. The justification must be approved by CMMI before IDHW can establish contracts for the health districts to begin their work.

Next Steps:

- CHW: survey responses will be compiled and analyzed by IDHW staff. CHWs will be identified for a focus group meeting on June 19, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn Spectrum.
- CHEMS: the CHEMS Task Force will meet on June 23, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn Spectrum. EMS agencies interested in the SHIP initiative will be asked to formally declare their intent to participate.
- Telehealth: Next steps to support the development of the SHIP telehealth effort is pending a decision on the future work of the Telehealth Council to assure alignment and prevent duplication.
- Regional Health Collaboratives: the budget justification narrative to establish health district contracts will be sent to CMMI on May 12. CMMI has 30 days to respond to the request.
- Population Health Workgroup: the kick-off will be held in late May or early June, pending the availability of members.

Other Information:

- A Regional Health Collaborative kick-off meeting is tentatively planned for October 29, 2015, in Boise. The event will be held the day prior to the medical home collaborative/health homes learning session on October 30.