



Summary of Idaho's Statewide PCMH Learning Session

The Idaho Primary Care Association (IPCA) in collaboration with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) and the Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives (SHIP), organized the Statewide PCMH Learning Session on November 6, 2015, at the Grove Hotel in Boise. Over 175 providers and their staff from across the state were in attendance. Initial evaluation results have been very positive for each session.

- Denise Chuckovich, Deputy Director for IDHW, started the day with an overview of PCMH projects and programs history within the state and also provided information on current PCMH-related initiatives currently occurring.
- Michael Bailit, President of Bailit Health Purchasing, gave two presentations. He first spoke on evaluation results of PCMH initiatives with sustained implementation in Vermont, Maryland, and Colorado. In a separate breakout session, he spoke about primary care payment reform and new models in use across the United States.
- Casey Moyer, Operations Project Manager for SHIP, provided a SHIP status report and facilitated a breakout session with SHIP Workgroup Chairs and Co-Chairs on updates of each group's activities.
- Tillman Farley, MD and Executive Vice President for Medical Services with Salud Family Health Centers in Colorado, an expert on integrating behavioral health into PCMH clinics, was sponsored by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP). Dr. Farley spoke to the main audience about the importance of behavioral health integration in PCMH practices and provided a closer look into the integration of one of his clinics in a separate breakout session.
- Zach Hodges, Senior Consultant for Qualis Health, and Jeana Johnson, Organizational Alignment Manager for the IPCA, spoke on the successes and barriers of patient engagement when increasing the use and effectiveness of patient portals.
- The afternoon brought each region together to introduce each other to other providers, public health staff, Medicaid staff, and SHIP staff, and to facilitate discussion regarding Medical/Health Neighborhoods.

PowerPoint slides of each presentation were e-mailed to all that registered.

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