







Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network "The Network"

Background

- The Network is a result of state health reform Legislation (2005)
- The contract is administrated by the PCO
 - 87% of funds go to project safety net providers
- The IA PCA manages the Network
 - IA PCA also manages the IARHC
- IA SORH serves on the Advisory Committee

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- CHCs, free clinics, RHCs, Family Planning agencies, Local Boards of Health, and Maternal Child centers, others
- Projects/grants: medical home, data collection, specialty care, pharmacy projects & facility capacity building
- Partners meet and work together on projects and on issues related to the Network

RHC and FQHC Working Together

- 141 RHC in IA, 68 participate in the Network
- 13 FQHCs, 1 look-alike, and several CHC satellites
- **Opportunity** - In the last 6 years providers from both have had to collaborate to resolve challenges and successfully complete Network projects
 - 2 mutual challenges are: specialty care and pharmaceutical access

Policy Project

The Commonwealth Fund supported project with The University of Iowa Public Policy Center. This is allowing network providers to be involved with analyzing how safety net providers at the state level will be impacted by health reform broadly. It is in the data analysis stage, but will move to looking at the role safety net providers will play in the future, how they and their patients will be impacted by reform, and allow the safety net providers to consider how to most effectively prepare for and implement changes that come with reform.

This may also prepare the way for integration of care models

Experiences Gained



1. Share a mutual mission, vision and strategic plan
2. Networking, FTF time with non-safety net persons
3. Enhances personal professionalism & leadership
4. Experience in: Advocacy and policy, & monitoring federal & state guidelines
5. Seek out colleagues/experts who can help with clinical and office management issues
6. Building sense of trust and knowledge of other safety net organizations

Links

If you want to know more about the IA Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network

• Code

<http://law.justia.com/codes/iowa/2009/title-4/subtitle-2/chapter-135/135-153/>

• Information

<http://www.iowapca.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=13>


