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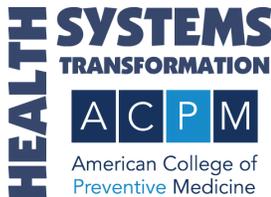www.acpm.org/HST

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Health Systems Transformation Learning Institute—A HUGE SUCCESS!

HEALTH SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION ACPM American College of Preventive Medicine LEARNING INSTITUTE

The Health Systems Transformation (HST) Learning Institute, held in conjunction with ACPM's Preventive Medicine 2016 annual conference, was a huge success with a number of participants including preventive medicine physicians and other healthcare and public health professionals. The institute covered timely topics including:

- **An overview of HST efforts at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),**
- **Role of preventive medicine in HST,**
- **An overview of Alternative Payment Models (APM),**
- **Principles of team-based care and the role of Community Health Workers, and**
- **Health information technology and its role in preventive medicine and population health.**

ACPM recruited an exciting roster of speakers experienced in integrating primary care and public health. The speakers provided a strong foundation in HST, through case studies, and helped the participants to understand the challenges and opportunities for preventive medicine in transforming the future of healthcare and health systems towards population health and disease prevention. The participants took part in two skill-building exercises to improve their understanding of the complex nature of our health systems: **they learned how to build an Accountable Care Organization (ACO)** and **how to develop a team-based care delivery model** to address the prevalence of asthma in Detroit. Check out the new HST Learning Institute webpage to access these exercises and other supporting materials.

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ACPM defines Health Systems Transformation (HST) as a systems-based approach to improving population, community and individual health by incorporating the determinants of health and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare.

The Health Systems Transformation Project is from a cooperative agreement that ACPM has with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Visit www.acpm.org/hst to learn about our past and current efforts in HST.

UPDATED WEBSITE : Take a look at our HST fact sheets , resources and Regional meetings ; Learn more about HST Task Force members from their bios; access past newsletters.

GOOGLE GROUP: Ask your friends and colleagues to join the HST Google Group.

COMING SOON: Missed the Health Systems Transformation Learning Institute? You can still access the recordings and obtain CME/MOC for the institute. Additional information will be provided in April.

To highlight HST-related news in the forthcoming newsletters or to remove your name from our mailing list, please click here.

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CMS Proposes Changes to ACO Benchmarks

CMS is proposing changes to the way it evaluates whether Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) save money through the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP). CMS is proposing to assess ACO benchmarks by looking at regional fee-for-service costs instead of historical spending of the organizations. Many ACOs are unsatisfied with the current benchmarking process since it punishes high-performing ACOs. ACOs with high baseline costs can make a lot of improvements and benefit from a larger payout than experienced ACOs with low baseline costs. The proposed evaluation changes would result in $120 million in net federal savings between 2017 and 2019. **Comments on the proposal are due by April 3, 2016.**

Accountable Health Communities Model

The Accountable Health Communities Model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. Unmet health-related social needs, such as food insecurity and inadequate or unstable housing, may increase the risk of developing chronic conditions, reduce an individual's ability to manage these conditions, increase health care costs, and lead to avoidable health care utilization. The model will promote clinical-community collaboration through screening beneficiaries for unmet needs, awareness of and access to community services and aligning community and clinical services. Check out the fact sheet on Accountable Health Communities Model. Learn about the eligibility and application requirements for the grant. **Application deadline for the grants is May 18, 2016.**

Click here for a recorded webinar by **Dialogue4Health** to learn how to advance Accountable Health Communities.

ACO Next Generation Model Announced

The Next Generation ACO Model is an initiative for ACOs that are experienced in coordinating care for population of patients. It will allow these provider groups to assume higher levels of financial risk and reward than are available under the current Pioneer Model and Shared Savings Program (MSSP). Click here for a fact sheet on Next Generation ACO Model. Currently there are over 21 Next Generation ACOs around the country. The 2017 Letter of Intent (LOI) and Request for Applications (RFA) can be found here.

HHS reaches 30% APM goal

On March 3, 2016, HHS announced that, an estimated 30% of Medicare payments are tied to Alternative Payment Models (APM) that reward quality of care over quantity of services. HHS has met this milestone nearly a year ahead of schedule. In January of 2015, HHS established clear goals and timeline for shifting Medicare reimbursement from quantity to quality.

Click here to access a related article: Medicare's New Bundled Payments - Design, Strategy and Evolution, published in January in JAMA.

Final APM Framework

Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network has released the final white paper on Alternative Payment Model (APM) Framework that defines payment model categories and establishes a common framework and a set of conventions for measuring progress in the adoption of APMs.

Check out a related blog, published in Health Affairs, that spotlights the new APM Framework.