

Healthcare Regional Cost Measurement & Transparency NRHI Board Update – September 5, 2014

Summary	Over the past three months, we’ve tested our approach and the possibility of benchmarking while developing practice level reporting of total cost of care measures across five regions. Mid-August we launched the first National Physician Leadership Seminar (NPLS) and believe we met our key objectives. With the meaningful data and physician leadership we are on target to develop strategies for reducing cost in each of these communities with positive ROI for \$1.05M granted to RHICs.
Key Accomplishments	<p>Key accomplishments during the last three months include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted in-depth variation analysis of our practice run on 2012 and identified data quality and process issues critical for valid benchmarking Tested “shared services” model for technical assistance Built curriculum for National Physician Leadership Seminar – <i>Total Cost of Care & Resource Use</i>, including pre-seminar materials and training Successfully engaged 16 physicians from across the five regions in meaningful learning and thoughtful dialogue about value of TCoC Identified physician leaders for continued engagement both locally and nationally Initial and promising discussion with Stanford for funding to leverage practice level reporting and community relationships for dissemination of American Idol in Medicine (AIM) cost of care reduction curriculum
Barriers/Challenges	<p>Challenges and barriers encountered and any <i>mitigation efforts</i> noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time and resource availability for variation analysis and Technical Assistance Determining the appropriate data quality threshold and technical resource allocation for valid benchmarking; <i>call with Technical Advisor</i> AHRQ grant for National Summit supplemental funding denied; <i>supplemental funding requested and active discussion with RWJF to leverage their Transparency Summit in March 2015 for finding dissemination</i>
Next Steps	<p>The following next steps are planned over the next three months:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present variation analysis results to project team and Technical Advisor and assess readiness to begin 2013 analysis and benchmarking 2. Implement identified process improvements for 2013 data analysis 3. Develop and integrate project “ Road Map” into Collaborative Health Network 3. Leverage new relationships from NPLS to support local efforts for TCoC/RU roll out and support physician leadership forums nationally through CHN 4. Develop proposal for building a physician leadership institute 5. Circulate and facilitate proposal to RHICs for AIM project dissemination phase 6. Begin grant renewal process with RWJF for phase 2 RHICs
Requested Board Action Contact	<p>The following NRHI Board actions are requested for consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and respond to upcoming opportunities for AIM and Phase 2 <p>Ellen Gagnon, Senior Project Director , egagnon@nrhi.org; 207-805-1672</p>