

THRIVING COMMUNITIES SUMMIT

EXPERT SUMMARY

Healthy Families – *We are healthy*

HEALTH CARE SNAPSHOT

Transformation

The entire health care delivery system is engaged in a transformative process, specifically aimed at improving community/population health while lowering costs. While this transformation, most commonly understood as the development of a Coordinated Care Organization is creating an environment of challenges and complexity, it is also focusing previously isolated components of the health care system on one effort to produce better health outcomes for our community.

Collaboration

The 100% Access Healthcare Coalition formed as a result of the United Way of Lane County's 2004 Community Needs Assessment which found that for the first time, health care, affordable medications and health insurance were the top three needs of all people in Lane County regardless of socioeconomic status, age, or geography. The Coalition is comprised of Lane County's leading health care providers who are committed to improving access to health care by more people to appropriate, quality health care at less cost. The Coalition, while not the first example of collaboration in the community related to health, has demonstrated the value of collaboration across the health care system.

A key priority of the 100% Access Coalition and United Way of Lane County has been to leverage the collaboration of 100% Access in order to support Safety Net Clinics. In the current United Way investment cycle, Strategic Health Investments have been awarded to Safety Net Clinics specifically to increase their capacity to provide health care to un- and under-insured members of the community.

Integration

Components of the health care system are exploring how to better work together to ensure better, more efficient care of patients. For example, mental health providers are being co-located into patient-centered primary care medical homes in order to more efficiently diagnose, support and treat patients with both physical and mental health needs.

Connection to Programs and Services

Care coordination programs and community health workers are being developed to support individuals and families to navigate the health care system and to connect to other services and supports which will ultimately impact their health.

Other efforts have included outreach and enrollment projects to ensure all eligible kids are enrolled into Oregon Healthy Kids.

Prevention

Public and population health efforts have focused attention on prevention and wellness as key components of a healthy community. For the last decade, Lane County Public Health has lead efforts to create a Tobacco-Free Lane County, key steps in the success include the adoption of Tobacco-Free campus policies by PeaceHealth Hospital and McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center, the University of Oregon, and Lane County Health and Human Services, among others.

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HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

State health care reform legislation, adopted in the 2011 and 2012 legislative sessions, requires the development of Coordinated Care Organizations, defined as a network of all types of health care providers who have agreed to work together in their local communities for people who receive health care coverage under the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid). A CCO for Lane County is currently in development.

United Way serves as the convener of 100% Access Coalition. The infrastructure of 100% Access is funded by the Coalition partners, led by the leading health care providers and partners who pay dues to support the staffing and programs.

There are many safety net clinics providing critical health care in Lane County, including primary health care, mental health care, substance addictions services, prescription assistance, dental services, and family planning. A small data collection project in 2010 indicated, conservatively, these clinics are providing care to at least 30,000 Lane County residents.

Lane County Public Health, along with the Community Health Centers of Lane County, address public health issues including smoking, immunizations, chronic diseases and communicable diseases.

HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES RELEVANT TO THRIVING COMMUNITIES

- Building collaboration among the health care providers, to improve access to health care for the uninsured.
- United Way and 100% Access are investing in expanding the capacity of safety net providers to provide care to vulnerable populations.
- United Way and 100% Access are investing in improving outreach and enrollment of vulnerable populations to basic health care services: dental access, chronic disease management programs, prescription assistance, primary care, and reproductive health care.
- Developing community health workers, including training and deploying health workers to work with patients to address their social determinants of health, in order to improve their overall health.

HEALTHCARE RELATED DATA

According to the Oregon Office of Health Policy and Research's April 2011 Report: Regional Health Insurance Coverage in Oregon, Results from the 2011 Oregon Health Insurance Survey, 18% of Lane County residents had a gap in insurance coverage in the prior year. Roughly 63,300 individuals were without insurance coverage at some time in the prior 12 months.

Lane County Healthy Kids enrollment has increased from a baseline of 23,373 kids (youth under 19) in June of 2009 to 32,224 in February 2012.

Health Care Safety Net Clinics in Lane County served just over 18,000 clients in 2007, according to data collected by the 100% Access Coalition. The same data collection tool utilized in 2007, was used to collect new data for 2009 and 2010. During that same time period, the number of Safety Net Clinics participating in the data collection project increased, however, a comparison of the data collected from 2009 and 2010, from the same clinics, yielded a 60% increase in the number of patients served. In 2009, 17,935 patients received care, compared to 28,624 in 2010.

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