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HIT Commons is a public/private partnership designed to accelerate and advance health information technology adoption and use across the state, leverage public and private investments, and expand access to high value data sources. HIT Commons is co-sponsored by the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLIC) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and is jointly funded by OHA, hospitals, and health plans.



When the COVID-19 pandemic first began to impact our world most of us were thinking that it would last a few months and then we would return to normal. I remember having serious conversations in April about when we should plan to resume in person meetings. We were thinking of timelines like July, August or September as a worse case scenario. We have learned a lot since then. Perhaps the most important lesson is that the learning never stops. Since its inception HIT Commons has focused on continuous learning. Our learning collaboratives are perhaps the best example of this commitment to learning and helping others learn. It's in this spirit that we continue to adjust to the new normal – or as I prefer to call it, the persistent abnormal.

It is in this spirit of continued learning that we have resumed our work on our core programs of

EDIE and PDMP Integration, continued our new work related to COVID-19 Support and Community Information Exchange (CIE) planning and coordination, and are providing assistance to our members related to new regulations such as REALD and Federal Interoperability Final Rules.

As always, please let us know of any suggestions for how we can better serve our members.

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What Have We Been Doing?

COVID-19 Support

Collective Platform Use Case Development with Stakeholders:

- Resources for using the Collective Platform for COVID-19 continue to be posted [here](#)
- Work continues with OHA to determine path forward for sharing statewide COVID-19 status flags from the Public Health Orpheus disease surveillance system.. A legislative change will be needed and OHA and OHLC are working on language to introduce in an upcoming Special or Regular Legislative Session.

For questions please contact Liz Whitworth at liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org

EDIE

- **September 21: Behavioral Health Learning Collaborative** focused on the use various HIE/HIT tools. [Click here to materials](#)
 - **September 28: Best Practices Webinar on Tags and Flags** The webinar provided an overview of best practices for using Tags and Flags in the Collective Platform. [Click here to view the webinar](#)
 - **November 9th: Best Practices Webinar on Collective Care Team.** The webinar provided an overview the Care Team functionality in the Collective Platform. [Click here to view the webinar](#)
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PDMP Integration

- **September 21: Behavioral Health Learning Collaborative** – PDMP Integration Break-out session. See link above for materials.
- Despite reduced outreach efforts, we have been able to bring the following clinics and pharmacies onto PDMP integration:
 - Bend Neurological Associates, LLC
 - Daniel C Harper DMD MS LLC

- Evergreen Family Medicine
 - HouseCall Providers
 - Woodstock Natural Health Clinic
 - Lower Umpqua Hospital
 - MediPro Holistic Health
 - Mercy Medical Center
 - Pacific Northwest Health, LLC
 - Rheumatology Clinic, LLC
 - Samara L Stevens, ND
 - Southwest Family Physicians
 - Well Life Medicine
 - Wellness and Recovery of Salem
 - White Bird Clinic
 - Klamath Open Door Pharmacy
- We are also pleased to welcome Lower Umpqua Hospital and Mercy Medical Center to the list of Oregon hospitals with PDMP integration
 - We have Initiated a project, with support from OHA, to interview clinics and hospitals to identify opportunities for improvement and best practice in the use and integration of PDMP. If your clinic has implemented PMDP integration we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Shelley@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org
 - If you know of a clinic or pharmacy that could benefit from PDMP Integration please let us know at pdmp@hitcommons.org

Community Information Exchange Advisory Group (Oregon CIE).

CIE Advisory Group – Summary Report and Path Forward

The HIT Commons team and OHA are finalizing a report summarizing the work to date of the CIE Advisory Group and outlining future work and needs for statewide CIE efforts. The report is being reviewed by the HIT Commons Governance Board and the CIE Advisory Group and will be posted on the HIT Commons website in December 2020.

For more information about the CIE Advisory Group and to download the summary report, click [here](#).

CIE Landscape Maps

The HIT Commons team partnered with the PSU Population Research Center to create maps illustrating the CIE landscape. We will continue to make periodic updates to these maps as new CIE efforts are identified. There is a brief tutorial video to orient you to the navigation of the maps and descriptions of each map on the left hand panel.

Click [HERE](#) to access the maps. Please note that Google Chrome is the preferred browser for viewing.

OHLC CIE Early Adopter Efforts

OHLC supported interested stakeholders in engagement and contracting efforts with Unite Us. In late October, OHLC, Unite Us and partners announced “Connect Oregon” a CIE effort to connect 21 out of 36 counties in Oregon and 2 in Southwest Washington with technology infrastructure and network management support to connect individuals to health and social services.

For more information, visit [Connect Oregon](#)

For media release, visit <http://www.orhealthleadershipcouncil.org/connect-oregon-cie/>

For more information about the HIT Commons or OHLC CIE efforts, email Liz Whitworth, liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org

Other Activities:

New REALD Data Collection Requirements

As required by [House Bill 4212 \(2020\)](#), OHA rules now require health care providers to collect race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REALD) data for all COVID-19 encounters. After collection, providers must report this data to OHA with COVID-19 disease reporting. The requirement went into effect on October 1 for Phase 1 providers, with additional phases in 2021.

Phase 1 providers include:

- Hospitals, except for licensed psychiatric hospitals;
- Health care providers within a health system; and
- Health care providers working in a federally qualified health center

REALD Resources and Learning Series

To help providers understand these requirements and the importance of REALD data, OHA has launched [a website](#) with FAQs and other resources including a learning series. Additional learning sessions are planned. To learn more, [explore the slides and recordings](#) from the following REALD learning sessions:

- Introduction to REALD
- Implementing new REALD data collection for Phase 1 providers (providers in hospitals, health systems, FQHCs)
- Strategies for asking REALD questions

The next session, "Using REALD data to advance health equity" is November 20 from noon to 1 p.m. [Register or learn more here.](#)

Federal Interoperability Final Rules Overview

The Oregon Health Authority has developed a [Federal Interoperability Final Rules webpage](#) that provides information and resources related to both the The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule and The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) Final Rule. These rules focus on health IT certification, (which applies to health IT developers) and policy guidance on what does not constitute information blocking, (which applies to healthcare providers, health IT developers, and health information exchanges/networks).

In addition to these resources, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS) and HIT Commons are co-sponsoring a provider-focused webinar on implications of the information blocking component of the ONC interoperability rule. This webinar will feature national experts from Davis Wright Tremaine LLP and PointB Consulting.

Date: November 12, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Link: https://oahhs-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-5i7LG4cSP6r_62C3MZdXg

What Are The Results?

ED Utilization Reports from Apprise



- **ED Utilization Reports from Apprise**
- Apprise Health Insights Dashboard Reports are available with data through Q1 2020 at:
- <http://www.orhealthleadershipcouncil.org/edie-utility-data-and-reports/>
- The EDIE Steering Committee is currently assessing strategies to address the increase we're seeing in behavioral health visits over the last year, including evaluating a proposal to enable fatal/non-fatal overdose notifications within the Collective Platform

- Sixty-one Skilled Nursing Facilities are now sending census data to the Collective Platform.

PDMP Quarterly Dashboard (Q2 2019-Q2 2020)

- 79.5% of top 2,000 prescribers queried PDMP in Q2
- 138.2% increase in number of physicians and PAs using integrated access to PDMP since Q2 of 2019
- The number of prescriptions for opioid and benzodiazepine medications continues to decrease relative to the same quarter last year:

Opiates	% change – 2Q 2019*	% change – 2Q 2020*
Hydrocodone	-8.7%	-14.6%
Oxycodone	-5.8%	-10.6%
Tramadol	-2.5%	-6.9%
Benzodiazepines	% change – 2Q 2019*	% change – 2Q 2020*
Lorazepam	-5.6%	-3.4%
Alprazolam	-4.4%	-7.1%
Clonazepam	-4.2%	-2.9%

* Percentage change figures evaluated relative to the same period during the prior year.

[Click here for more information](#)

What Is The Impact?

"I have been a huge fan of this integration. It's improved efficiency in my practice and I feel safer prescribing controlled prescription (opioids, stimulants) for my patients. When there's a discrepancy, I can have that conversation in real time with my patient"

Jane Ware, MD - Legacy Medical Group

What's Coming?

All events are tentative and may be canceled/rescheduled in response to the COVID-19 situation



November 17th 9am - 11:30am HIT Commons Oral Health Collaborative

- This is our opportunity to bring you and other stakeholders together to share best practices around HIT/HIE tools:
 - EDIE/Collective Platform (formerly PreManage) and the integrated PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program). Our agenda will feature demos for both products as well as information on how to get started.
- Register at: [HIT Commons Oral Health Learning Collaborative](#)

December 4th 9am - 12pm Collective Platform CCO Collaborative

- This is an opportunity for CCO members to share best practices, showcase creative use cases and brainstorm ideas to continue a culture of shared success using the Collective Platform. Our agenda will feature results from a recent CCO survey from OHA as well as peer to peer presentations of notable work.
- Register at: [Collective Platform CCO Collaborative 2020](#)
- [Click here](#) for current information on upcoming event

How To Get Involved

- **PDMP Integration Steering Committee** is seeking board members. PDMP Steering meets quarterly at OMA and has a call-in option available. Please contact Mark Hetz for more information Mark@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org
- **Integration outreach** continues in a virtual format. If you haven't done so, complete and submit your PDMP Integration form today. For registration and additional information, please visit www.orhealthleadershipcouncil.org/pdmpintegration.
- **PDMP Integration post-implementation follow up** will be scheduling interviews with clinics and hospitals. If your organization has implemented PDMP integration and would like to participate, reach out to shelley@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org. Your input will help up continue to improve the program.



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