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ACTION ITEMS

CHIRs

- Participation Metrics**-Participation Metrics are due August 15; please use the link provided to your BBO for your CHIR's report file.

State SIM CHIR Team

- Unrestriction Requests**-the CHIR team will provide prompt feedback as soon as it is received from CMS. The team is also working to solidify a more efficient and time-sensitive process for review and submission of URs to CMS. Details will be provided in the next several weeks.
- LOP Approval Letters**- to be sent the week of August 7.

News

- **PCMH Initiative Key Dates**-the PCMH team would like to thank each of the CHIRs for their participation in the Practice Transformation Collaborative in June. Slides from the team's ISD presentation may be found on SharePoint [here](#). Additionally, three annual PCMH summits are scheduled for the following dates (registration information forthcoming):
 - Grand Rapids 10/10/17
 - Ann Arbor 10/17/17
 - Crystal Mountain 10/24/17
- **LOP Approval**-Local Operations Plans are in the final stages of approval within SIM Leadership. CHIRs can expect letters of approval to be sent the week of August 7.
- **FY 18 Unrestriction Requests**-the CHIR team would like to thank all of the BBO Staff for their dedicated effort in getting the URs to their current state. We will notify each region as soon as feedback from CMS is provided and look forward to the release of funds and the beginning of implementation.
- **QPR Status Report**-the CHIR team has provided QPR Metrics template for use by the regions. You may find the document along with submission instructions at the following [link](#).
- **PCMH Update**-The SIM PCMH Initiative has placed a considerable focus on opportunities to enhance Primary Care. Practices and physician organizations participating in the Initiative have been working through the technical onboarding and active participation in the following Health Information Exchange use cases: Active Care Relationship Service; Health Provider Directory; and Admission, Discharge, and Transfer Notification. In September, Initiative participants will work through technical onboarding for the Quality Measure Information use case. This use case will support Initiative participants in reporting Clinical Quality and Utilization measures (see more in the [2017 PCMH Initiative Participation Guide](#)). Note, this use case, does not support reporting related to clinical community linkages and the social determinants of health brief screenings. For more information across the Initiative, see their [latest newsletter](#) or the [MDHHS Care Delivery web page](#).

- **CHIR Evaluation Meetings**-our team thanks each region for participating in the CHIR On-Site Evaluation and Training meetings. The evaluation team from Michigan State University (MSU) and the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) were very encouraged by the number of successes each region has had so far, and looks forward to learning more as projects are implemented. To highlight these successes to SIM leadership and their MDHHS departments, the evaluation team has begun work on a series of Case Studies. CHIRs will be welcome to distribute these Case Studies as they feel appropriate. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pennie Foster-Fishman at fosterfi@msu.edu or Julia Heany at jheany@mphi.org.
- **CHIR Logic Model and Key Performance Indicator Sessions**-The CHIRs are in the process of completing an interactive logic modeling session with their MPHI coaches. These sessions provide an opportunity for coaches to work with each CHIR to dig deeper into the types of activities outlined in their Local Operating Plans (LOPs), and guide conversation about key performance indicators (KPIs) that will track progress toward outcomes. Each CHIR will have its own set of KPIs. In addition, the MSU evaluation team will meet with the CHIRs to identify a set of common KPIs to be used to inform the state-level evaluation. MPHI and MSU are excited for the opportunity to work alongside the CHIRs, learn about their many successes, and support them in achieving the goals of SIM! If you have any questions about the logic model/KPI sessions, please contact Lauren LaPine with MPHI at llapine@mphi.org<<mailto:llapine@mphi.org>>

Resources

- **Healthy Communities Initiative**-The Healthy Communities Initiative is a joint effort between the Federal Reserve Banks and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWF) to deepen collaboration across the sectors of community development, finance, population health, and public health. [This](#) resource contains a blog series, podcasts, and links to other resources that can inform the efforts of the CHIRs. Take a look at the “MeasureUp” tab at the top of the site to explore different tools and resources to measure and describe impact on families and communities.
- **Cultural Competency Training**-The MDHHS Health Disparities Reduction and Minority Health Section is providing training on cultural competency to support personal, organizational and community capacity to address health disparities. The two-day session provides a supportive and challenging learning environment in which participants learn about the complexities of race, gender, and class and the connections between health disparities and health inequities. The training will be held **May 8-9, 2018**. There is no cost for the training. The training has a capacity of 30 participants and slots are filled on a first come first serve basis. If interested in attending, contact Veronica Jones at jonesv1@michigan.gov to be added to the registration list. Veronica will follow-up to confirm registration.
- **Institute for Diversity Fall Enrichment Program**-The Institute for Diversity in Health Management is currently seeking proactive health care organizations and recent MPH/MHA/MBA graduates to join the 2017 Fall Enrichment Program (FEP). This 20-week paid internship opportunity connects host sites with qualified internship candidates for an immersive onsite experience and sends a powerful message that your organization is committed to diversity and equality. It also gives the students the jumpstart they need to begin their healthcare careers. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program or to apply, or contact Jasmin Clark, membership, and education specialist, at (312) 422-2658 or ifdsep@aha.org.

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- **The Robert Wood Foundation:** RWJF released a new report titled "What is Health Equity? And What Difference Does a Definition Make?" The report defines health equity and identifies crucial elements to guide effective action to reduce disparities in health status. It also provides alternative definitions of health equity for different audiences that may have varying backgrounds and perspectives and identifies four key steps to achieving health equity. [Download report.](#)
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UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

All CHIR Calls

- **August 2, 2017 1:30-2:00pm: CHIR Backbone Organization Cohort Status Call**
- **August 17, 2017 2:00-3:00pm: CHIR Backbone Organization Cohort Collaboration Call**
- **August 22, 2017 9:00-10:30pm: CHIR TA Call**

Individual CHIR Calls

- **August 11, 2017 10:00-11:00am: Jackson**
 - **August 14, 2017 1:30-2:30pm: Muskegon**
 - **August 14, 2017 3:30-4:30pm: Washtenaw/Livingston**
 - **August 15, 2017 2:30-3:30pm: Northern**
 - **August 17, 2017 1:00-2:00pm: Genesee**
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