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Newsletter

November/December 2017

**WASHTENAW
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Learn More About the Livingston-Washtenaw State Innovation Model!

Visit the brand new SIM information pages on the WHI website under the "Projects" tab. The three new pages are:

1. [SIM homepage](#) explains the two main SIM initiatives in our community: Community Care Coordination and Patient Centered Medical Home social needs screenings and referrals
2. [Community Care Coordination](#) includes more information about the community care coordination efforts including information about the involved community organizations called "hublets"
3. [Patient Centered Medical Home](#) includes the sample questions that are being used to annually screen and refer

WHI News

WHI Revises Operating Principles Moving into 2018-2019

This month, the WHI concludes the three-year phase of work set out in the [WHI 2015-2017 plan](#). Moving forward, rather than conduct intensive strategic planning for 2018 and beyond, the WHI opted instead to further refine the 2015-2017 plan. This will also allow more time to generate results from the State Innovation Model project and perhaps to gain more certainty in the health policy environment. In the fall of 2017 the WHI Stakeholders Group and Steering Committee approved a set of [organizational and operational principles for 2018-2019](#). These principles extend the charters signed by WHI member organizations, and build on the work from 2015-2017.

WHI Evaluation for 2015-2017 Activities

The CHRT team, in partnership with WHI project leaders, will be conducting an evaluation of activities and outcomes of WHI projects undertaken in 2015-2017. Data collection will occur in early 2018, with a final report expected in mid-2018.

patients for social needs at primary care visits

Quick Links



- [WHI Website](#)
- [WHI Member Portal](#)
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Upcoming Member Meetings & Other Events

December

18 - SIM Work Group (10-11:30, CHRT)

January

5 - SIM ASC/PCMH Subcommittee (8:30-9:30, CHRT)

8 - MMOE Work Group (10-11:30am; United Way - 2305 Platt Rd)

8 - MHSU and Primary Care Joint Meeting (3:30-5pm; CHRT)

9 - Steering Committee (10:00-11:30am CHRT)

16 - Opioid Project (11-12:30, 705 Zeeb Rd.)

25 - Senior Services (3:30-5pm, CHRT)

February

6 - Advance Care Planning (1-2:30, CHRT)

12 - MMOE Work Group (10-11:30, United Way - 2305 Platt Rd) *

The evaluation results will be published in this newsletter and on the WHI website. Consider telling us your WHI story - contact WHI Project Manager Carrie Rheingans to share! crheinga@umich.edu

Other News

Public Safety and Mental Health Millage Update

The Washtenaw Public Safety and Mental Health Preservation Millage [passed with 64% of voters supporting it](#). Millage funds will be levied on Washtenaw County residents beginning one year from now, in December, 2018. The funds will be distributed as follows:

- 38% to Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office
- 38% to Washtenaw County Community Mental Health
- 24% returned to the sub-county jurisdictions that maintain their own police forces (Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Township, and Northfield Township).

In September, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners passed an [ordinance](#) establishing the Mental Health Advisory Committee, which will advise the Board of Commissioners and the CMH Board. The Advisory Committee will identify needs among the CMH population, evaluate services for those needs, and develop an annual Advisory Community Mental Health Plan.

Another new advisory council, the [Mental Health Criminal Justice Diversion Advisory Council](#), is also being established to develop a comprehensive community-based diversion program for low level, low-risk offenders suffering from severe mental health and/or substance use disorders. Appointments to both new groups will be announced in early 2018.

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About the Washtenaw Health Initiative

13 - Steering Committee (10-11:30; CHRT)
16 - MHSU Work Group (3:00-4:30pm; CHRT)
20 - SIM Health Plan Coordination (10-11, CHRT)
20 - Opioid Project (11-12:30, 705 Zeeb Rd.)
22 - Senior Services (3:30-5pm; CHRT)

The [Washtenaw Health Initiative](#) is a voluntary, county-wide collaboration focused on how to improve access to coordinated care for the low-income, uninsured, and Medicaid populations. The effort includes representatives from the Michigan Medicine, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, health plans, county government, community services, physicians, and safety net providers.

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