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Welcome to the HIT Commons Quarterly Newsletter, August 2021

Here we are in the midst of our nation's fourth surge of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are weary. And yet, we must continue to plan for the future as best we can. In the **What's Coming** section of this newsletter you'll see that we are planning three webinars and one collaborative (virtual, of course) for the remainder of the year. You'll also read of a number of new tools and advances we have made with both EDIE/Collective Platform and PDMP integration.

Through this newsletter we strive to keep all of our members and supporters informed as to our

activities and progress. It is equally important that we hear from you as we are begin our planning for 2022. It is a difficult time for planning with so much uncertainty. We have considered a structured on-line survey and may still do that. But as a first step, I'd like to hear from any of you that are willing to take the time to e-mail me with any questions or other thoughts you think might help us in our planning:

1. What has HIT Commons done in the last year (or so) that has had the most positive impact upon your work?
2. Where should we focus our efforts in 2022?
3. What education (webinars/collaboratives/toolkits) should we look to provide in 2022?

Please send your thoughts and suggestions to me at

mark@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org

On a personal note, I am half-way through a two-month commitment to a Grand Jury in southern Oregon. While I was aware of the impact that mental health conditions and substance use disorders have from a medical perspective, I have become acutely more aware of their impact on the criminal justice system. An informal estimate is that no less than 85% of the criminal cases are directly related to substance use disorder or mental health conditions. It is difficult to over-estimate the societal impact and reinforces for me, and HIT Commons', the importance of the work we are doing in this field.

Mark Hetz, Executive Director, HIT Commons

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](#)

- Organizations connected to the Collective Platform can now view patient/member **COVID-19 Vaccination Status** via the Collective Platform and view weekly population reports of vaccination status (including those unvaccinated) to assist with outreach efforts.
- See vaccine-related resources here:
 - [Information Sheet on Vaccine Flags and Population Reports](#)
 - [Vaccine Messaging Tip Sheet for Providers](#)
 - For any questions about how to access or use Vaccine Population Reports, email Collective Support Team at support@collectivemedical.com
- Based on passage of House Bill 3057, statewide **COVID-19 positive lab test results** are now flowing to the entire Collective Platform. This expands access to statewide data beyond ED physicians to health plans, CCOs and others involved in care coordination for COVID-19 positive individuals as the pandemic enters a new phase.
- See resources here:
 - [Information Sheet on COVID-19 positive data](#)
 - To request cohorts or reports based on COVID-19 positive flags, email Collective Support Team at support@collectivemedical.com

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

EDIE and Collective Platform

- **Visit our HIT Commons website** to access resources and toolkits to support use of EDIE and the Collective Platform:
 - [ACT Team Best Practice Guide](#)—a toolkit to highlight how to support Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams' use of the Collective Platform as part of the care team serving individuals with behavioral health needs.
 - [EDIE Notifications - A Toolkit for ED Providers](#)—a toolkit to help ED providers and teams access and act on EDIE notifications in the ED setting.
 - [Clinics-Get Connected to Collective](#)—a toolkit to assist clinics (primary care and behavioral health) onboard to the Collective Platform.
 - [Individual Users-Get Connected to Collective](#)—a toolkit to assist individuals in gaining access to accounts for the Collective Platform if their organization is already onboarded.

- [EDIE and Collective Platform in Oregon](#)—overview of EDIE and the Collective Platform network in Oregon
- **Quarterly Webinar Series:** HIT Commons is planning three webinars for the remainder of 2021. See **What's Coming** section below for dates/times.

PDMP Integration

- As part of the Harold Rogers Grant, a PDMP integration evaluation was launched online last month. Primary goals are to capture provider perceptions of PDMP EHR integration including barriers, practice impacts, methods of use. With almost 300 responses, we have started an early report of findings to share with OHA and Comagine for qualitative analysis.
- New features are available through the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Web Portal (or PDMP AWAReE). We are assisting our partners in Public Health at OHA with promoting awareness and adoption of both of these tools.
 - As of April 27th, **Prescriber Activity Reports** are sent quarterly to prescribers which allow them to compare their prescribing trends to others within their specialty. HIT Commons has been working with OHA to highlight the availability of these reports via stakeholder presentations and email communications. Feedback from prescribers which will be incorporated into future presentations and recommendations for spread.
 - In addition, the **Oregon PDMP Organization Management** module (OPOM) will give medical, dental and pharmacy leadership access to **Prescriber Activity Reports** for providers within their span of accountability. We are currently soliciting feedback from several engaged clinical leaders serving as early adopters. Based on their input and suggested use cases, recommendations for rollout on a broader scale will be delivered to OHA early next month.
- July 8: The PDMP Integration Steering Committee adopted revisions to their charter which can be found [here](#). The new integration report was presented, showing a 3% increase in users of PDMP between Q1-Q2 2021.
- 24 new entities are live with PDMP integration in this quarter including several behavioral health, dental and independent practices. See the full report [on our webpage](#) for more details.

If you know of a clinic or pharmacy that could benefit from PDMP Integration please let us know at pdmp@hitcommons.org

What Are The Results?

ED Utilization Reports from Apprise



QUARTERLY EDIE ANALYTICS DASHBOARDS For the Period: Q1 2020 – Q4 2020

The most recent data reporting through Q4 2020 show a sharp decrease in ED utilization primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The total number of ED visits decreased by 18.3%
- The number of High Utilizer visits decreased by 19.8%
- Co-morbid Mental Health related visits decreased by 6%
- Co-morbid Substance Use Disorder related visits decreased by 11.4%
- Potentially Avoidable visits from High Utilizers decreased by 34%
- Visits decreased by 33% in the 90 days following an initial care guideline

Dashboard reports posted [here](#). HIT Commons will be monitoring these data points as COVID-19 recovery continues.

PDMP Quarterly Dashboard (Q3 2020-Q4 2020)

- Integrated queries increased 28%, while web portal queries decreased by 10%
- The number of unique providers submitting queries increased 35%
- 95% of top 2,000 prescribers and 95.5% of top 4,000 prescribers queried PDMP in Q1 2021

- +5.3% MD/PA/DO (12,672 integrated users)
- +6.5% NPs/CNS-PP (2,897 integrated users)
- +2.3% NDs (399 integrated users)
- The number of prescriptions for controlled substances continue to decrease with the exception of amphetamines and oxycodone.

Opiates	% change Q1 2020 – Q1 2021*
Hydrocodone	-4.9%
Oxycodone	+2.2%
Tramadol	-4.6%
Amphetamines	+9.9%
Benzodiazepines	% change – 2Q 2019*
Lorazepam	-3.2%
Alprazolam	-9.6%
Clonazepam	-6.1%

Further results are identified in the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program 2020 2nd Quarter Report linked [here](#)

What Is The Impact?

Regarding Vaccine Data in the Collective Platform:

“The data sharing partnership using the Collective Platform has helped us transform our collaborative efforts to achieve high levels of COVID vaccination within our communities. The data helps us and our providers and community partners understand where each stakeholder is in their vaccination journey, allowing us to support them individually.”

Brian Wetter, PacificSource vice president of infrastructure and analytics.

“As a health plan, we’ve used Collective to get real-time data about member health into the hands of medical providers and care teams. Access to up-to-date information has improved care and saved lives. We are excited that the Oregon Health Authority is expanding access to

this proven tool to help all health care organizations work together to improve access to this lifesaving vaccine and directly address health equity issues. We believe that the Collective Vaccine Population Report data will help us increase vaccination rates and help protect our communities especially those who are most at risk.”

Amit Shah, MD, chief medical officer, CareOregon.

Regarding PMDP integration:

“It’s changed our lives. We don’t fully appreciate the value it gives every day. Now that’s its integrated into the workflow with the BPA (best practice alert), it’s absolutely phenomenal”.

Mark Shatsky, DO, Providence Health

What's Coming?

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

- **Quarterly Webinar Series:** HIT Commons is planning three webinars for the remainder of 2021. See topics, dates and registration links [here](#) and more information below:

Back to Basics: Using the Collaborative Platform in Oregon and Effectively Engaging Collective Support

Date: September 20, 2021, at 11:00 am

[Register Here](#)

Website Resources: HIT Commons and Collective Community

Date: October 18, 2021, at 11:00 am

[Register Here](#)

Engaging and Onboarding Post-Acute Care facilities

Date: November 15, 2021, at 11:00 am

[Register Here](#)

- **Annual Collaborative:** HIT Commons is planning one multi-stakeholder collaborative this year to focus on addressing statewide behavioral health needs utilizing HIT tools to support care coordination efforts:

Behavioral Health – State strategies and stakeholder efforts

Date: Friday, December 3rd, 9am-12 noon (virtual)

[Register Here](#)

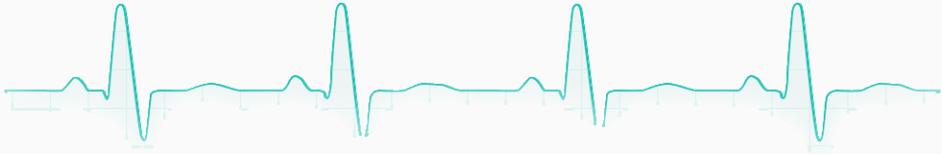
- An agreement has been reached that will allow Washington PDMP data to be integrated into our statewide results. We are working with both OHA and Appriss to monitor availability and will be providing updated information regarding this change within the next few months.

Other Oregon HIT events and updates

The [Health Information Technology Oversight Council \(HITOC\)](#) which governs Health IT strategy in Oregon is ramping up to update the state's strategic plan for health IT. HITOC will likely conduct several working groups over the next 6-12 months on topics like health information exchange, community information exchange, and other areas to address the state's health care priorities. HIT Commons will be participating in the planning with OHA on the strategic plan update, which is expected to be completed near October 2022.

How To Get Involved

- **PDMP Integration Steering Committee** meets online quarterly and will meet again on October 14th from 3- 4 pm and is actively seeking new members. 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.
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