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The last three months have been a busy time at HIT Commons. Like most of the nation, our attention remains focused on COVID-19 and specifically the roll-out of vaccines. There is also the broader focus on improving information sharing between public health, healthcare providers, and healthcare payors.

Three advancements that are covered in more depth in the newsletter are:

- Oregon vaccination data now available in the Collective Platform
- Washington State PDMP data soon to be available through EHR and EDIE integration
- COVID-19 positive lab test results now available to Emergency Departments via EDIE—and soon all users on the Collective Platform.

In addition to these enhancements to our network, HIT Commons is pleased to announce that Justin Keller is now actively engaged in work for HIT Commons. Here is a brief biography of Justin:

Justin Keller, JD MPH

Prior to joining OHLC/HIT Commons as a consultant, Justin was Director of Partnerships at Collective Medical, the vendor of EDIE/Collective Platform in use statewide in Oregon. Previously, Justin was an Operations/Policy Analyst at OHA in the Office of Health IT, supporting Oregon's Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC). He has over decade of health care and information technology experience and holds a Juris Doctorate degree and a Master's Degree in Public Health.

Justin's deep experience with the Collective Platform and extensive knowledge of healthcare policy, make him a welcomed addition to the HIT Commons team.

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

Mark Hetz, Executive Director, HIT Commons

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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 response are posted [here](#)
- As of April 27, 2021 HIT Commons and OHA's ALERT Immunization team launched weekly vaccine data sharing with Collective Medical. Through this collaboration, organizations connected to EDIE/Collective Platform can see vaccine status information for patients/members in their care. Weekly Vaccine Population Reports are posting for CCOs and Health Plans and available upon request for any primary care or behavioral health clinic onboarded to Collective. An information sheet and slides from a recent webinar are posted [here](#)
- As of January 18, 2021, OHA and Collective Medical have initiated a daily file transfer which reports on COVID-19 positive cases statewide in Oregon and provides the data to ED providers in 63 hospitals via EDIE notifications. The data from OHA come directly from the Oregon Pandemic Emergency Response Application (Opera), the state's COVID-19 case investigation system, and indicates those individuals who have received a confirmed positive COVID-19 lab result within the past 42 days. More information can be found [here](#)
- With the support of Rep. Andrea Salinas, HB 3057 is moving through the legislative session that would allow COVID-19 positive case data to flow to all connected organizations using the Collective Platform, including CCOs, health plans, clinics and others. We will keep you posted on the progress of that bill.

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

EDIE

- New Data Brief and Toolkits. See new resources posted to our website:
 - [Collective Platform Use in Oregon](#)
 - [Individual Users-Get Connected to Collective](#)
 - [Clinics-Get Connected to Collective](#)
- **Quarterly Webinar Series:** HIT Commons will again offer quarterly webinars to support the use of the Collective Platform. Webinar topics to include Public Health Data Sharing, SMART of FHIR integration, Skilled Nursing Facility onboarding and other. Dates and times to be finalized.
- **Quarterly Apprise Dashboards:** The most recent data reporting through Q3 2020 show continued decreases in ED utilization primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic. See reports highlights below and all quarterly reports are posted [here](#).
- **HIT Commons, OHA and the EDIE Steering Committee agreed upon updated EDIE Utility Initiative Success Metrics for 2021-2023.** Metrics are posted [here](#) and EDIE Steering Committee will be tracking progress in its regular meetings.

PDMP Integration

- New features are available through the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Web Portal (or PDMP AWAReE). We will be 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** will be sent quarterly to prescribers which allow them to compare their prescribing trends to others within their specialty (see attached example).
 - 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. If you're in a clinical leadership role and would like to join our early adopters list, please complete this [Interest Form](#).
- The PDMP Integration application process has been simplified by the addition of electronic signatures to the required contract agreement with OHA. This should greatly streamline the submission and processing of applications in Oregon. The PDMP Integration Implementation Guide and PDMP Integration Initiative webpages have been updated to reflect these changes.
- April 8: The PDMP Integration Steering Committee agreed to update metrics from self-reported prescriber numbers to Appriss' count of facilities with active prescribers within the last 18 months. Currently there are 1,539 facilities live with PDMP integration in Oregon. An updated report will soon be available on our webpage.

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: Q4 2019 – Q3 2020**The most recent data reporting through Q3 2020 show a sharp decrease in ED utilization primarily due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

The total number of ED visits decreased by 11.8%

- The number of High Utilizer visits decreased by 13.9%
- Co-morbid Mental Health related visits decreased by 4.6%
- Co-morbid Substance Use Disorder related visits decreased by 7.7%
- Potentially Avoidable visits from High Utilizers decreased by 19.4%
- Visits decreased by 47% 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 (Q2 2020-Q3 2020)

- 94% of top 2,000 prescribers and 93.7% of top 4,000 prescribers queried PDMP in Q3 2019
- 66.9% increase in integrated queries across all clinical user groups since Q3 2019 while web portal queries have decreased
 - +110% MD/PA/DO (12,094 integrated users)
 - +102.9% NPs/CNS-PP (2,758 integrated users)
 - +278% NDs (397 integrated users)
- The number of prescriptions for hydrocodone and tramadol decreased relative to the same time period last year, while oxycodone prescriptions increased:

Opiates	% change Q3 2019 – Q3 2020*
Hydrocodone	-3.1%
Oxycodone	+3.0%
Tramadol	-1.2%
Benzodiazepines	% change – 2Q 2019*
Lorazepam	+3.4%
Alprazolam	-2.5%
Clonazepam	+0.2%

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

What Is The Impact?

Regarding PMDP integration: *"It's truly been a huge change for us. We're very excited having it integrated into our systems"*.

-Brian Laubscher, PharmD, Siskiyou Community Health Center

What's Coming?

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

- **EDIE Webinar Dates: TBD**
- 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

April 29th – Oregon Health Authority hosted a Community Information Exchange webinar

- [Slides](#)
- [Recording](#)

- [OHA general CIE website](#)
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How To Get Involved

- **PDMP Integration Steering Committee** meets online quarterly and will meet again on July 8th 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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