

# Welcome to the HIT Commons Quarterly Newsletter February 2023

## Headline News: Connecting Health and Social Care

Starting in February 2023, Unite Us (Connect Oregon vendor) and PointClickCare (Collective Platform vendor) began sharing actionable information in a pilot effort to help address social needs for individuals and families in Oregon. Clients served by Connect Oregon with a closed-loop referral within the last six months will have flags on their records in the Collective Platform for these service types: Housing assistance, Food assistance, Transportation assistance.

Across Oregon, many health care and social service organizations are starting to coordinate whole person care for their shared clients through the use of common technology tools and workflows. The goal of this pilot integration is to streamline care coordination for users of both systems, including care managers, care coordinators, social workers, and others. Users who see flags in the Collective Platform will be able to quickly know that their patient/client is being served in Connect Oregon and can access that system for an update on patient/client referrals. This integration also aligns with a new CCO Incentive Metric for SDOH related to Social Needs Screening & Referrals beginning to roll-out this year. For more information, please access the information sheet posted [here](#).

## Emergency Dept. Information Exchange/Collective Platform

- HIT Commons held a CCO/DCO Collaborative to discuss on December 2, 2022. One of the requests was for more information about how DCOs can connect and make use of the Collective Platform to support care coordination work. See Collective Platform Overview for DCOs posted [here](#).
- See [EDIE Quarterly Dashboards](#) for the Period: Q3 2021 – Q2 2022 (“Current Year”) Compared to: Q3 2020 – Q2 2021 (“Previous Year”). Key trends:
  - The total number of ED visits **increased by 11.4%**
  - Proportion of ED visits related to Mental Health visits **decreased by 22.5%** from Previous Year
  - Potentially Avoidable visits from High Utilizers **decreased by 2.8%**
  - High Utilizer Visits **decreased by 42%** in the 90 days following an initial care guideline
- The EDIE Notification Advisory Committee was held on February 8th. The focus of the meeting was on simplifying PDMP notifications and learning about FHIR integration developments.
- [EDIE Steering Committee](#) met December 9th. This meeting was focused on tracking the progress on EDIE Steering 2022 Priorities and setting 2023 priorities.
- Check out the HIT Commons [EDIE Resources page](#) for past webinar recordings, toolkits, and other resources.

## Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Integration

- 1,415 facilities and over 20,919 Oregon prescribers are live with integrated PDMP. This represents over 80% of the active prescribers in Oregon.
- Q4, 2022 PDMP implementation report is [here](#).
- Q2, 2022 reporting from OHA Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is linked [here](#).

## Get Involved

If you are interested in participating on the EDIE Steering Committee, ENAC, or the PDMP Integration Steering Committee please email [mark@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org](mailto:mark@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org)

We are always looking for stakeholder input. If you have suggestions for webinars, collaboratives, or other educational materials please email your ideas to: [justin@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org](mailto:justin@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org)

## Other HIT Happenings across the State of Oregon:

**Oregon Health Authority (OHA): Oregon Health Authority (OHA) update:** James Schroeder joined OHA as the [new OHA Director](#) in January, At OHA, Schroeder will focus on protecting health coverage, implementing [Oregon's Medicaid waiver](#), and elevating behavioral health.

OHA's [Health Information Technology Oversight Council \(HITOC\)](#) is engaged in updating the Health IT Strategic Plan for Oregon, including through the work of its [Health Information Exchange \(HIE\) Workgroup](#). HITOC's final [Community Information Exchange report to the legislature](#) was submitted January 31, 2023. Additional updates on OHA's HIT work can be found in the [February HITOC Policy and Program Updates](#). All HITOC and workgroup meetings are open to the public, and public comment is always welcome at the meetings or in writing: please send to [HITOC.info@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:HITOC.info@dhsaha.state.or.us)



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