



Region 6 Strategy Session June 14, 2017 Oklahoma City, OK

Present:

- Oklahoma Primary Care Association (Host)
- Community Health Centers of Arkansas
- Louisiana Primary Care Association
- Texas Association of Community Health Centers

Absent:

- New Mexico Primary Care Association

Background:

As part of its ongoing effort to enhance collaboration and strategic planning focused on health centers' clinical workforce recruitment and retention, the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU) received one-time supplemental funding to expand training with Primary Care Associations (PCAs) across the country. ACU used some of these funds to support PCA travel to regional, one-day workforce strategy sessions. During these sessions, participants from each PCA shared their individual priorities in order to identify a shared regional vision, common workforce objectives, and opportunities for collaboration.

Meeting Summary:

Six representatives from four PCAs gathered to participate in this strategy session. The group came to easy consensus on shared objectives and vision, and had similar priorities focused on increasing data-driven decision-making and increasing recruitment successes at health centers, especially rural sites. Collaboration opportunities centered on shared data assessment questions, training curricula, and coordinated health center meeting agendas. All were eager to start by increasing information flow and finding immediate collaborative wins.

Draft Regional Workforce Vision:

Health centers have access to a pool of mission-driven staff who are dedicated to providing high-quality care in urban and rural communities. PCAs in Region 6 work in partnership with aligned workforce goals based on multi-state needs and success to support health centers in recruiting and retaining well-qualified and engaged staff.

Next Steps:

The Oklahoma Primary Care Association offered to host regional documents and share information via their Basecamp platform. The Texas Primary Care Association offered to share lessons learned and suggestions based on their longstanding, successful direct recruitment program. The group will review the notes and Action Plan to assess additional collaborative opportunities. ACU will provide some ongoing regional support, depending on PCA feedback and requests. ACU will also collaborate with individual PCAs on a data-driven training curriculum that connects to the Regional Action Plan. Regional site visits will take place in Spring 2018.