



Region 1 Strategy Session June 1, 2017 Boston, MA

Present:

- Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (Host PCA)
- Bi-State Primary Care Association
- Connecticut Health Center Association of Connecticut

Absent:

- Maine Primary Care Association
- Rhode Island Health Center 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:

Ten representatives from three PCAs gathered to participate in this strategy session. Each PCA had a different workforce staffing structure and priorities, but supporting implementation of team-based care emerged early as a top common issue for the group. Participants also expressed a clear vision of the future where health centers are the ideal model of care for all and easily attract a diverse workforce. Each PCA had a large number of activities for each objective, and the group spent a lot of time educating each other and thinking through how the specific activities had commonalities.

Draft Regional Workforce Vision:

Health centers in Region 1 will be providers and employers of choice. Team-based care will be the predominant model. Health centers will have a robust and diverse workforce that is representative of the people they serve. Region 1 PCAs partner and leverage resources.

Next Steps:

The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers offered to host an in-service for the region on a few priority issues in which they have expertise. 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.