



Region 10 Strategy Session May 19, 2017 Spokane, WA

Present:

- Northwest Regional Primary Care Association (Host)
- Alaska Primary Care Association
- Idaho Primary Care Association
- Oregon Primary Care Association
- Washington Association of Community and Migrant Health

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 five PCAs gathered to participate in this strategy session. All PCAs from the region were present, and have familiarity collaborating through their connection to the regional PCA, NWRPCA. Top priorities of pipeline development and appropriate deployment of a diverse set of clinicians were easily agreed upon, with each PCA having various degrees of history and staffing to accomplish those goals. Sharing training curricula and data templates were key first collaboration points. NWRPCA is positioned well as the regional PCA to serve as the lead in convening additional conversations and hosting collaborative activities.

Draft Regional Workforce Vision:

The health centers in Region 10 have an ongoing, stable, diverse workforce that meets the needs of their patients and communities. Health centers are supported by the collaborative efforts of the Region 10 PCAs.

Next Steps:

NWRPCA will connect the PCAs in the region to discuss immediate activities. 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.