2017 Network Summit: The Role of Networks in a Changing Health Care Landscape

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Mind-Boggling Challenge

Seeking the Existence of Gravitational Waves

LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC)

Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) www.ligo.org

Source: Gabriela González
Let’s Snuggle Instead of Struggle

We Are Better Together
Let’s Hold a Summit to Explore Common Ground

• We have noticed a shift in the type of partners that are engaged in networks
• We see a shift in activities that networks are providing to members

Times are changing...

• We wanted to explore with Network Leaders their ideas on “The role of networks in a changing health care landscape.”
Objectives of Today’s Presentation

• Gain insight on a changing health care landscape
• Explore critical roles that networks play during times of change and transition
• Understand how network members perceive the value of networks
• Identify specific actions that networks can take to help their members adapt
Through the Eyes of Network Leaders

What are the trends, ideas and practices that are heading-out and coming-in?
Trends, Ideas and Practices

- Dependency on fee for service models
- Traditional role of primary care physicians
- Independence and isolation of health care organizations or providers
- Paper record keeping and communication
Established

Trends, Ideas and Practices

• Triple Aim vision for the health care system
• Electronic health record (EHR)
• Referrals to specialists
• Networks as a success strategy for transitioning to new models of care
Emerging Trends, Ideas and Practices

• New team-based models for coordinating care and care transitions
• Acknowledging social determinants of health
• New financial models based on value and quality of care
• HIT that addresses digital divide, communication and data-driven decisions
Trends, Ideas and Practices

• Responsibility for social determinants of health
• Innovative technologies to deliver services
• Patient-driven health care with community engaged in health and wellness
• Networks of networks

Horizon
Our Own Mind-Boggling Challenge

Requires Collaboration

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

—Henry Ford
We Are Better Together
The Roles of Network in a Changing Landscape

• Serving in a leadership capacity
• Facilitating continuous planning
• Convening and engaging stakeholders
• Identifying and providing meaningful education
• Connecting resources
• Collecting, analyzing and acting on data
Serving in a Leadership Capacity
What does this role look like?

• Responsive to member needs
• Establish shared vision of broader landscape
• Act as a catalyst for change
Serving in a Leadership Capacity
What value do members’ perceive?

• Enables collective impact and reduces isolation of leaders
• Provides direction and gives leaders confidence for decision-making
• Creates a peer-learning environment
• Provides vetted resources that are trusted
Serving in a Leadership Capacity
Ideas for Network Initiatives and Action:

• Provide leadership training:
  ◦ Member internal leaders and boards
• Provide technical assistance and consulting
• Facilitate business models that support transitioning toward value
Facilitating Continuous Planning
What does this role look like?

• Facilitate agreement of common goals
• Engage members in driving the network’s design
• Develop adaptable and agile infrastructure
Facilitating Continuous Planning
What value do members’ perceive?

• Helps members adapt to a changing environment
• Enables members to move past planning and into action
• Supports member leaders in challenging long held health care paradigms
Facilitating Continuous Planning

Ideas for Network Initiatives and Action:

- Use reflection and learning to find underlying issues
- Seek to align plans from broad to detailed
- Communicate and visualize plan to engage key stakeholders
- Incorporate subject matter experts
Convening and Engaging Stakeholders
What does this role look like?

• Serve as neutral convener
• Collective advocacy
• Community and member engagement and accountability
• Focus on collective impact
Convening and Engaging Stakeholders
What value do members’ perceive?

- Shares the workload of change
- Amplifies the needs of members
- Increases opportunity for innovation
- Simplifies connections with subject matter experts
Convening and Engaging Stakeholders
Ideas for Network Initiatives and Action:

• Build trust with consistent opportunities for dialogue
• Establish neutrality of network to encourage collaboration
• Provide education on benefits for participating in network projects
• Make it easy for members to participate
Identifying and Providing Meaningful Education
What does this role look like?

• Relevant and effective education and training
• Sharing knowledge and data
Identifying and Providing Meaningful Education
What value do members’ perceive?

• Savings in affordable training
• Increases knowledge of member employees
• Increases the ability of members to adapt to changing environment
• Builds leadership capacity within community
Identifying and Providing Meaningful Education
Ideas for Network Initiatives and Action:

• Create and deliver content based on member needs
• Out reach to community stakeholders to identify education needs
• Present at community events
• Share and maximize resources between members
• Fostering creative strategies
Connecting Resources
What value do members’ perceive?

- Increases opportunity for accessing resources
- Lowers cost for access to subject matter expertise
- Increases organizational capacity for driving revenue opportunities
- Helps adapt to environmental changes
Connecting Resources
Ideas for Network Initiatives and Action:

• Create partnerships with non-member agencies
• Use technology solutions to make connections and disseminate resources
• Gain access to knowledge of members
Collecting, Analyzing and Acting on Data
What does this role look like?

• Gather member data and help disseminate results between members
• Analyze data and measure progress for members
Collecting, Analyzing and Acting on Data

What value do members’ perceive?

• Enables future funding opportunities
• Allows for participation in value-based payment models
• Provides opportunities for continuous process improvement
Collecting, Analyzing and Acting on Data
Ideas for Network Initiatives and Action:

• Collaborate with members to determine consensus on data collection
• Establish data gathering and sharing infrastructure
• Analyze and report benchmark data between members
Next Steps

What are ways you, as network leaders, can use the results of the Summit?

- Hold conversations
- Use language that resonates with members
- Be bold with new ideas
- Be confident in your collaboration
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