

# AHEC State & National Initiatives

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# New “Happenings”

1. AHEC Scholars: Community Healthcare Fellowship (state & national)
2. Preceptor Expansion Project (national)
3. Great Lakes AHEC Collaborative (state & regional)
4. NAO Support from National Center for Interprofessional Education and Practice (national)
5. Rural Student Mobile Outreach Clinic (state)



# 1. AHEC Scholars: A Community Healthcare Fellowship

- Two year longitudinal fellowship for students in last two years of health program
- 40 hours didactic/40 hours team-based community experiential
- Concentration:
  - Practice transformation
    - Interprofessional education/practice
    - Social Determinants of health
    - Cultural competence (humility)
    - Behavioral health integration
- 15-25/center/year → 120-200/cohort each year (240-400/year) of “transformation-ready” professionals into the Indiana workforce
- “Authentic” curriculum results from statewide design team



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## 2. Preceptor Expansion Plan (STFM)

- Aims:
  - Decrease % of primary care clerkship directors who report difficulty finding clinical preceptor sites
  - Increase % of students completing clerkships at high-functioning sites



# Preceptor Expansion Plan

- Process
  - Summit (August 2016)
    - Identify key reasons for the shortage of community preceptors
    - Shape the priorities, leadership, and investments needed to ensure the ongoing education of the primary care workforce.
  - Five Tactic Teams developed (Spring 2017)



# Preceptor Expansion Plan

- Process

1. CMS documentation guidelines (Lead: Hope Wittenberg with STFM)

- Enhance participation of students in creating notes that, with supervision, can be used by preceptor for billing
- Success! Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has released a revised transmittal, Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing Manual:

*“Students may document services in the medical record. However, the teaching physician **must verify in the medical record all** student documentation or findings, **including history, physical exam and/or medical decision making. The teaching physician must personally perform (or re-perform) the physical exam and medical decision making activities of the E/M service being billed, but may verify any student documentation of them in the medical record, rather than re-documenting this work.”***



# Preceptor Expansion Plan

- Process (cont)
  2. Integration of authentic IPE into primary care settings (Lead: Olivia Ziegler, PA with PAEA)
    - Delineate work flow models that include students as accountable members of the team
  3. Develop standardized student and faculty onboarding process (Lead: Vince WinklerPrins, MD at Georgetown University )
    - Integrate students in useful and authentic ways
    - Standardized models for faculty appointment & affiliation agreements





# Preceptor Expansion Plan

- Process (cont.)
  4. Develop educational collaboratives across departments/institutions to improve administrative efficiencies (Lead: Jim Ballard, EdD )
    - Intervention RFP for funding of up to \$25k per year for up to 3 years for new collaboratives to develop, pilot, evaluate, and disseminate evidence-based approaches to improve administrative efficiencies for preceptors/clinical training sites
    - Call by June 2018 for October 2018 funding (pending funding by ABFM)



# Preceptor Expansion Plan

- Process (cont.)
  5. Promote productivity incentives to include teaching (Lead: Mark Loafman, MD with Cook County Health & Hospitals System )
    - Develop national clearing house of preceptor incentives
    - Study impact of teaching on productivity
    - Incentivize teaching through continuing Certification (MOC)
    - Create a national recognition program for systems/practices that meet quality teaching criteria.



# Other Initiatives

## 3. Great Lakes AHEC Collaborative

### – Goals

- Share & compare initiatives (i.e., AHEC Scholars, clinical placements, pipeline)
- “Big Data” ....ok, big-ger data....

### – Members:

- Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin (pending)

## 4. National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education

### – Providing support for NAO conference

### – Included AHEC in AIHC Introduction to IPE Vodcast Series

### – More to come?

## 5. Rural Student Mobile Outreach Clinic (Dr. Taylor)



# Thanks!

.....to a rich landscape of partners throughout  
Indiana and USA



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