

ESHPI 2022 AT A GLANCE

As we welcome a new year and reflect on the past year, we are writing to you with immense gratitude for the unique contributions you have made to ESHPI over the past year. We continue to be appreciative and inspired by our community of state policy makers and researchers and anticipate a new year characterized by further collaboration and insights in healthcare policy, services and beyond. Thank you for a productive 2022, we look forward to the prospects 2023 promises.

– Susan, Amanda, Annaliese, Zoe and Jeff

SEE BELOW TO LEARN ABOUT A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT KEPT US AND OUR MEMBERS BUSY:

MEDICAID DATA LEARNING NETWORK (MDLN) LAUNCH

With support from The Commonwealth Fund and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, ESHPI established the MDLN to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and dialogue among ten academic research teams working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's T-MSIS (Transformed-MSIS) Analytic Files (TAF). In collaboration with core TAF research faculty, Drs. Sarah Gordon, John McConnell, and William Schpero, ESHPI coordinates a learning series curriculum, whereby TAF researchers can share learnings about the dataset, and gain consensus on best practices for key TAF methods to be shared with CMS, state Medicaid agencies and the broader health services research community.

SUPLN SITE VISIT WITH OHIO AND MARYLAND STATE-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

We held a second SUPLN site visit in the Building a Sustainable State-University Partnership series in July and August. Hosted by Ohio and Maryland's state-university partners, Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resources Center and The Hilltop Institute, with support from the Milbank Memorial Fund, the series aims to connect new partnerships with mature members to assist in building and strengthening the state-university partnership.

HARNESSING MEDICAID TO IMPROVE HEALTH EQUITY: A RESEARCH AND POLICY AGENDA FOR THE PANDEMIC TRANSITION AND BEYOND

SUPLN and Medicaid Medical Director Network (MMDN) members joined us in December for a half-day invitational meeting co-hosted with Jenny Kenney of the Urban Institute, Kosali Simon of Indiana University, Julie Donohue of the University of Pittsburgh, Jamila Michener of Cornell University and Chima Ndumele of Yale University to explore Medicaid's role in addressing health equity as they prepare for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) end.

MMDN SPRING (HYBRID) WORKSHOP

The MMDN hosted its first ever hybrid meeting with in-person attendees in Washington, DC and online colleagues from coast to coast, April 28-29. With representation from clinical leaders in thirty-three states, attendees discussed population health management strategies, opportunities to promote health equity, vaccination lessons from the pandemic, and data analyses of Hep C pregnancy screenings and treatment.

INAUGURAL MEETING OF PROJECT ACCELERATE TEAMS

Project ACCELERATE (Advancing Care Coordination through Evidence; Leveraging Existing Relationships Around Transforming Practice), with support from PCORI, held its first meeting June 27-28, bringing together five state teams of Medicaid Medical Directors, MCH/Title V Directors, and patient advocates from Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, and Washington to distill the latest PCORI-supported findings related to enhanced care coordination for children and youth with special health care needs and identify strategies best suited for their state-specific landscapes for dissemination.

THE VIRTUAL 2022 SUPLN ANNUAL FALL MEETING SERIES

SUPLN convened in a two-part series on the afternoons of October 18-19 and November 30. Part 1 showcased presentations from fellow members on relevant state-university partner-led and MODRN Medicaid research projects. Topics included health informatics, health equity, behavioral health, maternal health, and more. In Part 2, state-university partners at The Hilltop Institute at the University of Maryland Baltimore County and Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resources Center presented on key elements from our partnership learning curriculum (commonly known as Site Visits) aimed at building and strengthening partnerships. Sessions focused on state-university partnership Organization and financing, data systems and technical infrastructure, and health informatics services.

NETWORKS, PUBLICATIONS, AND PROJECTS

The ESHPI Networks elected new leadership:

SUPLN STEERING COMMITTEE*

- Jatin Dave, MD, MPH
- Charissa Fotinos, MD, MSc
- Tamara Keeney, MPA
- Emma Sandoe, MPH, PhD
- Amy Gilbert, JD, MPH
- Jo Porter, MPH
- Julie Donohue, PhD
- Tom Bias, PhD, MA
- Kim Fox, MPA

MMDN STEERING COMMITTEE*

- Mohammed Dar, MD, Chair
- Chethan Bachireddy, MD, MSc
- Christopher Chen, MD, MBA, Vice Chair
- Christopher Cogle, MD
- Shannon Dowler, MD
- Douglas Fish, MD
- Magni Hamso, MD, MPH, FACP
- Jim Bush, MD, Immediate Past Chair

*A special thank you to our outgoing SUPLN Steering Committee member, Cynthia Woodcock, MBA, who served in a leadership role between 2018-2020. During this time, she led the Network's strategic planning process, assisted in the established partnership with Milbank and developed the Network's value proposition documents, which articulate the shared value these partnerships can bring to their state and universities alike. In addition, a special appreciation goes to our transitioning SUPLN Steering Committee Chair, Jo Porter, MPH, and our outgoing MMDN Steering Committee members, Judy Theriot, MD, CPE and Ryan Van Ramshorst, MD, MPH, for their significant contributions over the 2022 calendar year.



THE MMDN WAS BUSIER THAN EVER

We held eleven Open Mic calls on a variety of clinical topics, including Community Health Workers (CHWs), adolescent mental health and psychiatric rehabilitation treatment facilities (PRTFs), emerging therapies for sickle cell disease, and maternal mortality/morbidity, among other topics.

We also collectively sent over 450 listserv messages in the calendar year! The Inaugural "Top Poster Award: 2022" goes to...drumroll please...Jerry Fingerut, MD, Associate Medical Director, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health & Human Services. He can collect his prize at the next MMDN Spring Workshop.



OUR 2022 PUBLICATIONS

MODRN

- [Outpatient Follow-Up and Use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder after Residential Treatment among Medicaid Enrollees in 10 States](#)
- [Duration of medication treatment for opioid-use disorder and risk of overdose among Medicaid enrollees in 11 states: a retrospective cohort study](#)
- [Follow-up after ED visits for opioid use disorder: Do they reduce future overdoses?](#)
- [Association of polysubstance use disorder with treatment quality among Medicaid beneficiaries with opioid use disorder](#)
- [Design, Implementation, and Evolution of the Medicaid Outcomes Distributed Research Network \(MODRN\)](#)
- [Postpartum Follow-up Care for Pregnant Persons With Opioid Use Disorder and Hepatitis C Virus Infection](#)

MMDN

- [Medicaid's Moment for Protecting and Promoting Women's Health](#)



LOOKING AHEAD...

Here's what we'll be working on.

Evidence Use in Medicaid: Understanding the Impact of Long COVID on Vulnerable Populations

With support from PCORI, ESHPI developed a research agenda and will soon complete an action-oriented research toolkit for use by Medicaid programs that identifies and prioritizes patient-centered outcomes research questions related to the impacts of long COVID on their beneficiaries.

The Role of Homelessness and Supportive Housing in Health Care Disparities among Adults in Medicaid

With support from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), Rutgers University and the University of Pittsburgh, in collaboration with AcademyHealth, aim to examine the potential of permanent supportive housing programs to mitigate health disparities among Medicaid enrollees experiencing homelessness.

Building Capacity to Improve Viral Suppression Data in Medicaid

The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), in partnership with AcademyHealth and the University of California San Francisco, are collaborating on a four-year HRSA grant focused on building state capacity to report HIV viral suppression data through the HVL-AD measure as part of the annual state Medicaid Adult Core Set.

Project ACCELERATE (Advancing Care Coordination through Evidence; Leveraging Existing Relationships Around Transforming Practice)

Our five state teams will continue regular engagement to collectively explore state-driven opportunities to enhance their CYSHCN/CMC Medicaid benefit to improve systems of care for these young beneficiaries and their families. These state teams want to better understand the various options at their disposal to cover care coordination, care management, patient and family support, and similar services, including the use of 1945A Health Homes, the ACE Kids Act, targeted case management, 1915 CMC waiver possibilities, SPAs, and other demonstration mechanisms.

Improving STD Prevention and Care through Partnerships with State Legislators and Policy Makers

This CDC-funded project aims to convene State Medicaid Medical Directors and Medicaid Officials from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services (CMS) Region 4,

along with project researchers, including several SUPLN partners, that have conducted work on examining how sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are appropriately identified and care is effectively delivered in the Medicaid program.

Enhancing Systems of Care for Children with Medical Complexity (CMC) Coordinating Center

AcademyHealth, in partnership with Boston Children's Hospital and FamilyVoices, is leading a Coordinating Center to support five Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)-funded demonstration sites to optimize the health and well-being for children with medical complexity and their families while also achieving health equity for these populations.

Medicaid Data Learning Network

This learning network will continue to support peer-to-peer learning and dialogue among academic research teams, expanding the network, and enhancing the curriculum to include open webinars to the full ESHPI community.

CDC Vaccine Access Cooperative

The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP), and AcademyHealth are conducting eight regional meetings of a newly formed Vaccine Access Cooperative (VAC), focused on improving COVID-19 and routine vaccination rates among children. VAC meetings will bring together leaders from state departments of health, immunization programs, and Medicaid programs, as well as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, pharmacy associations, and other key immunization partners to develop strategies to break down barriers to the successful vaccination of children.

MODRN Disparities Project

This National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded MODRN project's aim is to examine the role of place, providers, plans and policy in the equitable use of medications for opioid use disorder among Medicaid enrollees using a network of university partnerships with Medicaid agencies in eleven states.