

Regional Opioid Stakeholder Workgroup Charter

Background

On January 9th, 2017 the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) signed an 1115 Waiver, now known as the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration Project. The goal of the Demonstration is to improve care, increase efficiency, reduce costs and integrate Medicaid contracting. To align clinical integration with payment integration within the Demonstration Project, HCA developed the [Medicaid Demonstration Project Toolkit](#). One of the projects that all ACHs are required to select is to address the opioid use public health crisis. The project objective, as described in the toolkit, is to support the achievement of the state's goals to reduce opioid-related morbidity and mortality through strategies that target prevention, treatment, and recovery supports.

Charge

The Regional Opioid Stakeholder Workgroup will ensure that the North Central region implements effective evidence based practices that align with the milestones and approaches described in the Toolkit that will result in reducing opioid-related morbidity and mortality in North Central Washington. Specifically the Workgroup will complete the following:

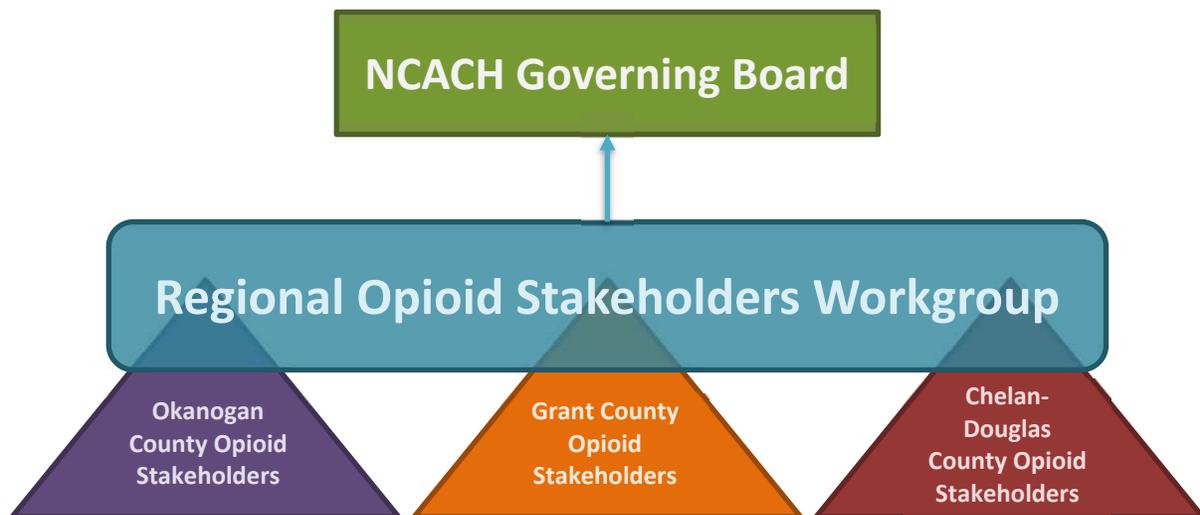
- A primary aspect of this Workgroup's approach will be to support and work through the Local Opioid Stakeholder Groups already working in Chelan-Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties to promote connections to existing opioid efforts in the region, leverage current capacity, and address identified gaps.
- Provide specific recommendations to the NCACH Governing Board and staff on approaches to take for opioid prevention, treatment, overdose prevention, and recovery projects.
- As much as possible, ensure opioid projects and approaches align with all six projects NCACH selected to implement.
- Collect, synthesize, and use stakeholder and community input on opioid project planning and implementation.
- Determine how opioid prevention and treatment work is able to be financially sustainable after the Demonstration period.
- As much as possible, ensure projects effectively connect patients with resources to mitigate the negative consequences of the social determinants of health.
- Identify how IT, workforce, and value-based payment strategies can support this project.

Composition

The Regional Opioid Stakeholder Workgroup will include representatives from Grant, Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan Counties. Workgroup membership is not a prerequisite to receiving funding through the Demonstration. Each of the Local Opioid Stakeholders Group will be asked to identify three members to participate in the Regional Opioid Stakeholder Workgroup. The Executive Committee will recommend to the Governing Board additional members as needed to assure representation from:

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and First Responders
- Law Enforcement
- Regional Justice Centers (Jails) and Juvenile Court
- Education
- Public Health

- Emergency Departments (Hospitals)
- Primary Care
- Behavioral Health
- Managed Care Organizations (*Operating in all 4 NCACH counties after Jan. 1, 2018*)
- Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization
- Dental
- Pharmacy
- Tribal



Additional representation will be added to the Workgroup by the Executive Director if it is deemed necessary. A Workgroup Chair will be appointed by the Executive Director. The Regional Opioid Stakeholder Workgroup is a sub-committee of the ACH board, and as such will be led by the Workgroup Chair and NCACH staff and must have a minimum of two board members serving on the Workgroup.

Meetings

Regional Opioid Stakeholders Workgroup meetings will be held once per month, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary. Meetings will be held in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties; locations will vary and an effort will be made to hold meetings in each of the Local Health Jurisdictions throughout the year. Whenever possible, meetings will have an option to participate via teleconference or audioconference for those unable to attend in person, although in-person participation is encouraged. NCACH program staff and the Workgroup Chair shall be responsible for establishing the agendas. Notes for all meetings will be provided to the Workgroup by NCACH staff within two weeks of each meeting. Monthly meetings will be open and meeting minutes and materials will be posted on the NCACH website (www.ncach.org).

Member Responsibilities

1. Attend at least 75% of regular meetings of the Workgroup and actively participate in the work of the Workgroup.
2. Sign a Membership Agreement (attachment A).

3. Local Opioid Stakeholder Groups representatives members are expected to report Workgroup progress at County Stakeholder meeting to ensure bi-directional communication and provide direction to Regional Opioid Workgroup.
4. Work with Local Opioid Stakeholders Groups on the Opioid Project planning and implementation for the Medicaid Demonstration Project.
5. Assess current state capacity to deliver effective opioid use prevention and treatment interventions.
6. Select initial promising practices and/or evidence-supported approaches informed by the regional health needs assessment.
7. Review prepared data to recommend target population(s), guide project planning and implementation, and promote continuous quality improvement.
8. Assist in identifying, recruiting, and securing formal commitments for participation from implementation partners via a written agreement specific to the role each organization and/or provider will perform in the selected approach.
9. Recommend to the Board a project implementation plan, including a financial sustainability model and how projects will be scaled to full region in advance of HCAs project implementation deadline.
10. Monitor project implementation plan, including scaling of implementation plan across region, and provide routine updates and recommended adjustments of the implementation plan to the NCACH Governing Board.
11. Develop and recommend a process for primary care and outpatient behavioral health partners involved in the implementation of the Opioid Project to receive Demonstration funds.
12. Collaborate with NCACH staff on data and reporting needs related to Demonstration metrics, and on the application of continuous quality improvement methods in this project.
13. Use strategies, that are supported by regional data, to advance equity and reduce disparities in the development and implementation of the Opioid Projects.

Authority

The Regional Opioid Stakeholders Workgroup is an advisory body that will inform decision-making by the NCACH Governing Board and ensure regional priorities and local considerations are incorporated in program design decisions. Recommendations and input developed by the Workgroup will be shared in regular monthly progress reports to the NCACH Governing Board.

**North Central Accountable Community of Health
Regional Opioid Stakeholder Workgroup
(Attachment A)**

Membership Agreement

I acknowledge by my signature of this membership agreement that I have read, understood, and agreed to follow the guidelines and policies outlined in the North Central Accountable Community of Health Regional Opioid Stakeholder Workgroup Charter.

I understand that continued membership in the Workgroup is contingent on following the requirements of membership that are outlined in the Charter. Not meeting the requirements for membership could result in the loss of my membership status in the Workgroup.

Dated: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____