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Actions:

Action 1 - Reminder: CoEPCE RFP Responses are due: May 7, 2012 COB to [Laurie Traylor](#)

Action 2: Sites must nominate one representative each to serve on the Coordinating Center Evaluation Workgroup and the Coordinating Center Performance Improvement Workgroup as site liaisons. Site Representative Nominations for these two groups are due May 11, 2012 to [Kimberly Uhl](#). Details as follows:

1) Evaluation Liaison and Workgroup Representative – Lead: [Jennifer Hayes](#)

We recognize the need to assure that the project's national evaluation strategy is moving forward. To facilitate this work, each site shall identify an individual who will serve as the site's primary liaison for evaluation. This role includes serving as liaison to the enterprise evaluation effort and serving as site representative for the Evaluation Workgroup (underway shortly). The evaluation liaison should be the person responsible for overseeing the local site evaluation plan and thus is knowledgeable about both strategy and details of the plan. The Evaluation Liaison will be The Coordinating Center/Evaluation and Analytics point of contact for site evaluation activities and will be responsible for providing timely responses to the Coordinating Center. This individual will serve as coordinator for data exchange and will additionally synchronize Workgroup ad hoc participation with other key individuals involved in the local site evaluation (for example, administration of the instruments for the core metrics).

The Evaluation Work Group will meet regularly by phone and on occasion in person to discuss issues related to the enterprise evaluation. Workgroup activities will include cross-site knowledge sharing and proposed enterprise solutions to address potential challenges in executing these strategies. **Questions? Contact: [Jennifer Hayes](#).**

2) Performance Improvement Liaison and Workgroup Representative– Lead: [Judith Bowen](#)

Building from the April All-Site Call, the Coordinating Center is in process of establishing a Performance Improvement workgroup that includes 1-2 members from each CoE. Please identify an individual(s) from your site who can best serve as a liaison between the Coordinating Center and your site for panel management and implementing curricula for continuous quality improvement. Representatives may have expertise in panel management or quality improvement methods (or both), but expertise is not required!

We strongly encourage you to nominate those who are most passionate about this aspect of your program. Responsibilities and activities will include attending monthly conference calls, coordinating communication between your site and the work group, facilitating information exchange between sites and with the coordinating center, and assisting with planning activities intended to support sites' implementation of performance improvement curricula and practice redesign. Because performance improvement activities necessarily take place in the clinical care delivery system (workplace), we strongly encourage you to consider individuals with knowledge of the local clinical system (e.g. continuity practice for trainees) and relationships with clinical team members who assist with delivering the care (e.g. RN care managers, clerks, receptionists). **Questions? Contact [Judith Bowen](#)**

Please send the names and email address of your site's representative(s) for each work group to [Kimberly Uhl](#) no later than May 11, 2012.

Action 3 - Call for Papers: [Workplace learning in Continuing Interprofessional Education](#) – [Journal of Interprofessional Care](#). Sites should feel free to pursue submissions, however if you are interested in pursuing a collaborative or a cross-site submission, please notify: [Laurie Traylor](#). Letters of Interest are due Nov 1, 2012.



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Call for Proposals

The Office of Academic Affiliations and Office of Rural Health are issuing a request for proposals for **Rural Health Training and Education Initiative (RHTI)**. Up to five sites will be competitively selected and funded on an ongoing basis for fiscal years 2013 – 2015. The RHTI will allow VA facilities to expand health professions training [Associated Health, Dental, Nursing and Physician] in rural or highly rural VA locations. The initiative is intended to develop clinical educational infrastructure at non-traditional training sites that serve predominately rural and highly rural Veterans. If you have any questions regarding the RFP or the Rural Health Training and Education Initiative, please contact [Christy Howard](#) or [Sonya Starling](#).

Publications of Interest

Focus: Shared Decision Making, Sustained Relationships, Interprofessional Collaboration and Performance Improvement

Educational outcomes of the Harvard Medical School-Cambridge integrated clerkship: A way forward for medical education. (May 2012). Academic Medicine. [Full Text Article](#)

Ethnic differences in appointment-keeping and implications for the patient-centered medical home--findings from the Diabetes Study of Northern California (DISTANCE). (April 2012). Health Services Research. [View PubMed](#)

Lecture halls without lectures A proposal for Medical Education. (May 2012). New England Journal of Medicine. Full Text Article.

Performance Improvement in Healthcare: Seizing the Moment (April 2012). New England Journal of Medicine. [Full Text Article](#)

The Pharmacists' role in the patient centered medical home (April 2012). The Annals of Pharmacotherapy. [View PubMed](#).

Recent trends in Veterans Affairs chronic condition spending. (April 2012). Population Health Management. [View PubMed](#)

Focus: Related Policy Issues

Financing Graduate Medical Education – Mounting Pressure for Reform (April 2012). New England Journal of Medicine. [View Full Text/Perspective](#)

Tools You Can Use

Medical Home News (May) from Health Policy Publishing has been loaded to the [CoEPCE Sharepoint](#)

AHRQ New Podcast: A Breakthrough Approach to Improving Communication with Patients (PDF). Access this and Related AHRQ Podcasts [Here](#).

Introduction to Implementation Science in VA 5/12/2012- Brian S. Mittman, PhD, Director, VA Center for Implementation Practice and Research Support, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Access the power point presentation in the [CoEPCE Sharepoint Drive](#)

New TMS Course: Rural Health Disparities and the American Veteran. Course made available from the Rural Health Professions Institute (RHPI) and the VA Office of Rural Health. To access the course log into TMS and access VA Course 12661. The course carries one (1) hour of continuing education credit.



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News You Can Use

[Empowerment's Price Tag: Shared Decision Making May Be Costly](#) (May 2012). Family Practice News.

Upcoming Conferences

[American College of Physicians - Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative](#) - Washington, DC April 23-24, 2012

[2012 Innovative Education Conference April 29-30 San Francisco](#) - SITEL/MedStar Health/Kaiser Permanente

[2012 Interprofessional Education Institute: Interprofessional Education Collaborative - May 21-23, 2012 Hyatt Dulles](#) - American Association of Medical Colleges

[2012 Integrating Quality Meeting: Collaborating for Care](#) - Association of American Medical Colleges June 7-8, Chicago

[The National Medical Home Summit: A Hybrid Conference, Internet Event and Training Program](#) - Jefferson School of Population Health

[Applying the Science of Psychology in Academic Health Centers: Implications for Practice, Teaching, Research and Policy Jan 31- Feb 1, 2013, Nashville](#) - Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers