

UPDATE for the Community



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our All-Alliance meeting on June 20 brought together representatives from leading health care purchasers, providers, and plans from across the state for informative and thought-provoking presentations and discussion. Members heard about progress on upcoming pricing reports from the Alliance – including that our Board of Directors has already approved three pricing products. We also got an overview of the Practice Transformation Hub from Selena Bolotin of Qualis Health, and learned about advancing integrated and measurement-based behavioral health care from Dr. Michael L. Schoenbaum of the National Institute of Mental Health. I found the meeting to be energizing, and I was inspired to keep working for positive change.

We are grateful for the support of our members and their participation in the Alliance. It is their commitment, as well as the support of community partners like you, that makes our work possible and helps us continue to improve the health system in Washington state.

Thank you,

Nancy A. Giunto
Executive Director

P.S. If you're interested, you can [read more](#) about the All-Alliance meeting.

ALLIANCE UPDATES

- [Own Your Health featured on KING-TV's New Day Northwest](#)
- [New Community Checkup Highlight shows cancer screening rates](#)

Join Us

Are you interested in learning more about membership in the Alliance? [Learn more about the value of Alliance membership.](#)

Choosing Wisely

Choosing Wisely is a campaign designed to provide easy-to-understand guides for getting better, safer, more effective care. It is a partnership between the Alliance, The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), the Washington State Medical Association and others. [Learn more.](#)

Visit the Community Checkup website

The Community Checkup website helps consumers make informed choices by giving them access to a robust and accessible supply of data and resources. [Learn more.](#)

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We invite you to follow the Alliance on Twitter [@WAHealthCheckup](#).

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- Regence BlueShield appoints Tim Lieb as President in Washington
- Alliance chosen to present at NRHI summit in August
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Own Your Health featured on KING-TV's New Day Northwest

On Monday, June 26, Dr. Emily Transue of the Washington State Health Care Authority represented Healthier Washington and the Alliance on New Day Northwest for a segment on helping consumers ensure quality health care. Dr. Transue highlighted the Own Your Health website and the many resources it makes available to consumers, including the Savvy Shopper consumer education series. [Watch the segment here.](#)



New Community Checkup Highlight shows cancer screening rates in Washington

In adulthood, health screenings are an important part of a person's health regimen. Screenings for breast cancer, colon cancer, and cervical cancer are recommended at appropriate intervals to detect disease at an early stage, when treatment is more likely to succeed and cost you less. However, cancer screenings represent some of the widest swings in performance among medical groups in the Community Checkup. [See the key findings](#) in our new Community Checkup Highlight.



The Alliance congratulates Lou McDermott on appointment as interim HCA director

Gov. Jay Inslee has announced the appointment of Lou McDermott as interim director of the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA), replacing Dorothy Frost Teeter. The Alliance congratulates McDermott on his appointment and looks forward to a continued close partnership with the HCA. "The Alliance has a long-standing relationship with Lou McDermott and the HCA and we are pleased to see his leadership recognized," said Nancy Giunto, executive director of the Alliance. [Read more.](#)



Alliance board member Tim Lieb named Regence BlueShield President in Washington

Regence BlueShield [announced that Tim Lieb](#) will lead the company's health plan in Washington as market president. With over two decades of industry experience in Seattle, Tim has served as interim market president of Regence BlueShield since March, in addition to his primary role as vice

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- #Cancer screenings represent some of the widest swings in performance among medical groups in the Community Checkup...
<https://t.co/zz8bZILb2K> 12:04PM
- Variations of >30 % points among medical groups are common for measures pertaining to #cancer screenings in WA state
<https://t.co/9elwKcpVWf> 1:50PM
- New Community Checkup Highlight focuses on the large variance of #cancer screening rates in WA state:
<https://t.co/xi8GMuL2WI> 12:37PM
- What if plans offered generous coverage of high-value care, but less generous coverage of services that provide lit...
<https://t.co/X4M9YVwTIL> 3:25PM
- Did you miss our latest All-Alliance meeting? Check out the recap here:
<https://t.co/bVxMYrAE3L> 9:15AM

president of sales. Tim came to Regence from Mercer, where he was principal for the Pacific Northwest Employee Health and Benefits practice. Tim serves on the Washington Health Alliance board.

A HealthDoers Event

LEADING TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE HEALTH: THEORY TO EXECUTION

August 15, 2017 Madison, Wisconsin
Wisconsin except for August 14, 2017

Register Now

Alliance chosen to present at NRHI summit in August

The Alliance is one of seven organizations chosen to present at a Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) summit, “[Leading Transformation Efforts to Improve Health.](#)”

The event, to be held August 15 in Madison, WI, brings together national thought leaders and regional health improvement collaboratives. John Gallagher, Director of Communication and Development for the Alliance, will present on our work addressing the opioid epidemic in Washington state. He will discuss moving the data results in the [Different Region, Different Care](#) report to the [infographics](#) developed for consumers and providers in partnership with the Bree Collaborative.

A Commitment to Value

Healthier WASHINGTON

SAVE THE DATE

When: October 18 & 19
Where: SeaTac

Day 1: Purchaser Conference—Opportunity for dialogue between providers & purchasers, and highlighting strategies to advance value-based purchasing.

Day 2: Healthier Washington Symposium—Shared learning and focus on how we can commit to value-based purchasing, payments and care delivery.

Registration information coming soon to hca.wa.gov/hw

#HWsymposium

Save the Date: Healthier Washington Symposium is Oct. 18-19

The two-day Purchaser Conference and Healthier Washington Symposium brings together key partners from around the state to learn, collaborate and engage. Partners are invited to

bring new ideas and proposals for strengthening Healthier Washington efforts, and have opportunities for reaction and dialogue. This year the theme is “A Commitment to Value.” [Learn more here.](#)

We're hiring!

Do you know someone who wants to join with like-minded individuals and health care industry leaders to successfully transform the health care system in Washington state? We have an exciting opportunity to join our team: **Senior Health Data Analyst.** [Learn more about Alliance careers on our website.](#)

Joining the Alliance

Our supporters can be the best ambassadors for our work. If you know someone who would like to learn more about membership in the Alliance, we have an online tool to help you talk about the value of Alliance membership. [Learn more at our Join Us website.](#)
