



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reducing waste and making health care affordable—these are issues that engender more questions than answers. But I'm happy to report there is some encouraging news.

We are fortunate to have a speaker coming to our next all-Alliance meeting who has some provocative things to say on the subject. Chris Koller, President of the Milbank Memorial Fund, has been working on the question of waste and affordability since 1996, when he was CEO of Rhode Island's Neighborhood Health Plan and continued in 2005, when he became Rhode Island's Health Insurance Commissioner.

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March 11th All-Alliance Event: Register Now

Don't miss our March 11th all-Alliance event with Christopher Koller, President of the Milbank Memorial Fund, as he shares his perspective on how employers and individuals can make health care more affordable. Find out about innovations across the

UPCOMING ALLIANCE MEETINGS

Alliance members are welcome to attend any Alliance Board, committee or work group meeting, except executive sessions, board retreats, or Purchaser Affinity Group meetings (open to purchaser members only). Please RSVP to Adria at amoskowitz@wahealthalliance.org.

All-Alliance: Making Health Care More Affordable for Employers and Individuals

March 11, 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Cambia Grove, 1800 9th Avenue, Suite 250, Seattle

Board of Directors

March 26, 2:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.
600 Plaza Building, Second Floor Conference Room

Consumer Education Committee

March 21, 10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.
Alliance Office, 600 Stewart Street, Suite 824

Health Economics Committee

March 14, 8:30 a.m.– 10:30 a.m.
Alliance Office, 600 Stewart Street, Suite 824

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Join Us

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about

country that are making health care affordable with a special look at total cost of care and multi-payer primary care transformation initiatives.

Christopher F. Koller is president of the Milbank Memorial Fund. Before joining the Fund, he served the state of Rhode Island as the country's first health insurance commissioner, an appointment he held from March of 2005 through June of 2013. Under Mr. Koller's leadership, the R.I. Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner was nationally recognized for its rate review process and its efforts to use insurance regulation to promote payment reform, primary care revitalization, and delivery system transformation.

Networking from 2:00-2:30 p.m., and meeting from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

RSVP to Adria directly at amoskowicz@wahealthalliance.org to make sure you get your seat!



Seattle Business Magazine Recognizes Top Community Checkup Medical Groups

Five medical groups who consistently placed in the top five for the last five years in the Alliance's Community Checkup report were recognized by Seattle Business magazine and the Alliance at the 2019 Leaders in Health Care ceremony last week. Executive Director Nancy Giunto presented the awards to the following groups, saying "These organizations have made a longstanding commitment to quality that shows, in the care they provide and the health of the people who they treat and we applaud their achievement."

Our congratulations again to:

- The Everett Clinic
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Group
- Swedish Medical Group
- Virginia Mason Medical Group
- UW Medicine – Valley Medical Group



Alliance Executive Director to Speak on Multi-Payer Claims Databases

Alliance Executive Director Nancy Giunto has been asked to join presenters from Vermont and Rhode Island to discuss how multi-payer claims databases can shed light on how health care systems are operating and ways to implement data-driven decision-making. Hosted by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation and State Health and Value Strategies, the webinar, Leveraging Multi-Payer Claims Databases for Value, will be held on March 27th.

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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.](#)

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The Washington Health Alliance brings together those who give, get and pay for health care to create a high-quality, affordable system for the people of Washington state.

New Member



This month, we're excited to welcome Prescriptive Health, Inc. as the newest member of the Alliance. Read more about Prescriptive [here](#).

Joining the Alliance

Our members 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.](#)
