

Innovation Award and Alliance Presentation on Trust at National Forum

The [National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions](#) is holding its 25th Annual Forum next month, with an expected 400 attendees, 40 states and more than 60 speakers. There are several noteworthy features of this year's meeting, including a recognition for innovation awarded to a health plan and the opportunity for the Washington Health Alliance to describe its own achievement that has received national recognition.

Through the intensive eValue8™ process, the National Alliance has the opportunity to understand health plan designs and practices in a unique way. After taking all that it has gleaned from the intensive Request for Information and additional information provided by the health plans, the National Alliance acknowledges one plan for its innovation. This year, four of the six health plans being considered for the recognition are from Washington; Aetna, Cigna, Kaiser Permanente Washington, and Premera Blue Cross.

“The fact that so many of the health plans being considered for this honor are located in Washington state says a lot about strong performance in our state,” said Washington Health Alliance Executive Director Nancy Giunto. “You can't improve what you don't measure. We believe that the eValue8 process has been instrumental to improving health plan quality in the state and it serves as a wonderful foundation for real dialogue between purchasers and health plan leaders on how to improve the quality and affordability of care.”

We appreciate our members who purchaser members that sponsored the work, including:

Association of Washington Cities	Puget Sound Energy
Bloodworks Northwest	Seattle Chamber of Commerce
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	SEIU 775 Health Benefits Trust
City of Kirkland	Sound Health & Wellness Trust
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King County	The Boeing Company
Pacific Health Coalition	Washington Health Benefit Exchange
Point B	Washington State Health Care Authority
Port of Seattle	Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust

The Innovation Award will be presented at the National Alliance's annual conference on November 8-10 in Arlington, VA. If you are interested in attending, register [here](#).

Also at the conference, Alliance Membership and Business Engagement Director Theresa Tamura will speak at the “*Rebuilding Trust to Drive Healthcare Value*” about the Alliance’s [Quality Improvement Committee](#), that was recognized by the ABIM Foundation’s Building Trust initiative. ABIM Foundation is accepting submissions for organizations to join their Building Trust collaborators. To be considered, an organization must:

1. identify how your practice builds trust, using the four Cs, “competency, caring, communication, and comfort;
2. define the specific problem or challenge you are addressing;
3. describe the trust practice;
4. explain why the practice has succeeded; and
5. demonstrate how the practice has been or could be replicated.

The ABIM Foundation Building Trust submission form is located [here](#).