

Introducing The Washington Health Alliance to Civitas Networks for Health

Washington Health Alliance Executive Director Nancy Giunto introduced the work of the Alliance to the members of [Civitas Networks for Health](#), a mission- and member-driven organization dedicated to using health information exchange, health data, and multi-stakeholder, cross-sector approaches to improve health. Giunto reviewed several of the Alliance's initiatives, including:

- The publicly available resources on the [Community Checkup](#);
- the customized detailed reports available to organizations that provide data;
- the nation's first results for low-value care by medical group in [First, Do No Harm](#);
- the unprecedented detail on where Washington state's health care dollars are going in the upcoming Total Cost of Care report; and
- the launch of the Low Back Implementation Collaborative, "advancing the market to improve the value of care for all patients with low back pain in Washington state."

Giunto is on the Board of Directors of Civitas, created by last year's merger of the Networks for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) and Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC). Civitas has 75 regional and statewide member organizations, located in 45 states, and covers 95% of the U.S. population.