CHA-Gold Innovation Fellowship Symposium

Partnering with patients to coproduce better healthcare service
Welcome from the CHA-Gold Innovation Fellowship Director

Dear participant:

Thank you for joining us at this celebration symposium and welcome. We are glad you are here. We are a gathering of clinicians, leaders, administrators, educators, patients, researchers and activists united by a desire to partner in new ways to improve the health of individuals and communities and to improve the contribution that healthcare services make to that health and wellbeing.

We are at the end of the first year of a fellowship for healthcare professionals at the Cambridge Health Alliance. The fellowship – funded by an investment from the Cambridge Health Alliance senior leadership team and a grant from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation – endeavors to prepare mid-career clinician leaders to be effective institutional change agents. The fellowship links the tools of improvement and implementation science with a focus on the importance of relationships in healthcare service and the transformative power of cultivating true partnership with patients. A core concept is that health outcomes (good and bad) are always co-created by patients and families and health professionals working together. Innovation that strengthens that essential partnership between patients and professionals and the systems that nurture or constrain that partnership is fundamental to the improvement of health outcomes.

This past year, fellows came from different parts of the organization to learn and support one another’s efforts at exploring, developing and making positive institutional change at CHA. Each fellow brought a change project to the fellowship. The projects were aligned with the institution’s strategic direction; each project provided an opportunity to apply principles of improvement science and to use the lens of co-production. The fellowship had three aims – nurturing the personal and professional development of fellows, catalyzing institutional change through the cultivation of a community of practice for emerging leaders and through successful accomplishment of change projects, and developing the art and science of coproduction.

We invite you to join us now in shared learning from this year-long experiment, even as we convene a second cohort of CHA-Gold Innovation Fellows. As we gather tonight, we will invite your feedback on our fellowship experiment. What is good and new here? How might it be better? We also invite your reflections on the connection between the ideas that drive the fellowship and your own work in healthcare. How might the idea of co-creating healthcare service resonate in your work? If all goes well, the evening might even spark a new frame, a new partnership, and even a new opportunity for collaboration.

Thank you for the gift of your presence and participation.

Sincerely,

Maren Batalden, MD MPH
AGENDA

5:30-6:15
Poster Session: CHA Fellows & Invited Guests Reception with hors d’oeuvres
Atrium & Hearth

6:15-7
Panel Conversation:
Coproduction & Improvement Science
North Dining Room

7-8:30
Welcome Remarks: Richard Levin & Patrick Wardell
Dinner with facilitated table conversation
Closing Remarks
West Dining Room
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Dr. Balaban is a practicing general internist, and has worked in both primary care and hospital medicine. He serves as Medical Director of the Department of Care Integration at Cambridge Health Alliance which provides enhanced support for the highest utilizers of medical services. He is also Medical Director of CHA’s Community-based Care Transition Program (CCTP), funded by CMS, which has been rated one of the top three CCTP programs in the country. Dr. Balaban has established a national reputation as an innovator in care transitions, developing cost effective programs to support patients after hospital discharge. An Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Balaban has served in leadership roles for several research studies evaluating care transition strategies, including an RO1 from AHRQ. In addition, Dr. Balaban has worked as a mentor for the Society of Hospital Medicine’s Project BOOST (Better Outcomes for Older Adults through Safe Transitions), which assists participating hospitals to optimize their care transition processes.

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Dr. Christopher Fischer is an emergency physician and Site Chief in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Cambridge Health Alliance. His career objective is to develop and implement innovative and evidence-based programs to improve the care of patients in the emergency departments at CHA, balancing patient safety, efficiency, and value.

Prior to coming to CHA, Dr. Fischer was Director of Clinical Operations in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. There, he focused on improving patient handoffs in the emergency department, and has published research focused on improving the ability to diagnose and treat time-sensitive illnesses, reducing errors and improving patient safety. Another thread of his research has examined the role of emergency physicians in improving public health through outreach to patients and policymakers involved in injury prevention, including efforts related to urban bicycle safety.

He is a diplomate of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He completed emergency medicine residency at the Harvard Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he served as chief resident. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Medicine and the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

His future objectives are to develop a system of utilizing the clinical and administrative capabilities of CHA to implement, study, and disseminate innovative patient-centered ways to inform decision-making about patient care in the ED.
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Lorky Libaridian joined Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) in the fall of 2012, as an Internal Medicine and Pediatrics physician at the CHA Revere Health Center. In August 2013, she took on the role of Medical Director for Performance in Improvement in Primary Care, working closely with numerous groups, including site based Performance Improvement Teams, to improve the health of CHA’s patients as well as related key quality measures. Prior to moving back to Boston in 2012, she worked in a safety net clinic in San Francisco for four years as a clinician, and later became involved in various quality improvement efforts. In addition, she continues her more than 20 years of medical work in Armenia, focusing on medical education and community health.

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Robert P. Marlin, MD, PhD, MPH, is a staff physician in the Department of Medicine, Director of the Refugee Health Assessment Program, and Director of the Coordinated Care Program for Political Violence Survivors at the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA). He is a primary care internal medicine physician at CHA’s East Cambridge Health Center in Cambridge, MA, where he also previously served as interim Medical Director. Dr. Marlin is an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. At CHA he also serves as a member of the Diversity Council and directs the Seminar on Global Health and Human Rights. Dr. Marlin received his medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine, his Ph.D. in anthropology from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and his M.P.H. in healthy policy from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. His training includes an internal medicine residency at the Cambridge Health Alliance, the Commonwealth Fund Mongan Fellowship in Minority Health Policy at Harvard Medical School, where he focused on the intersection of U.S. health and immigration policy, and the inaugural cohort of the CHA-Gold Foundation Innovation Fellowship. His work focuses on the integration of care for vulnerable patients, the development of community-based interventions to advance the health and well-being of underserved populations, and the teaching of trainees at all levels in these areas.

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Richard Balaban

Coproducing Treatment for COPD Exacerbations: The COPD Rescue Pack

Background
Nationwide, COPD exacerbations are responsible for more than $50 billion in medical expenditures, including over 800,000 hospitalizations. At CHA, COPD exacerbations are the cause of 15% of all Medicine service hospital admissions.

For patients, COPD exacerbations have damaging medical consequences; patients’ quality of life is impaired and patients may never return to their previous pulmonary baseline after an exacerbation.

Timely outpatient treatment of COPD exacerbations can decrease the severity of exacerbations and shorten the time to recovery.

Intervention
The COPD Rescue Pack consists of a 5-day course of oral prednisone and an antibiotic which patients self-administer at the onset of a self-diagnosed COPD exacerbation. Patients are empowered to make the critical decision of when to initiate medical therapy. By reducing barriers to timely treatment, the COPD Rescue Pack may prevent or diminish the severity of an exacerbation, thereby decreasing the likelihood of an ED visit or hospitalization.

The COPD Rescue Pack promotes a partnership between provider and an empowered patient, encouraging a shift from provider-controlled treatment to shared healthcare management.

Results
A pilot implementation at a CHA primary care site demonstrated that clinical pharmacists are capable of engaging and instructing patients to properly use the COPD Rescue Pack; while patients welcome the opportunity to self-manage their disease, and use the COPD Rescue Pack wisely and with positive effect.

Conclusions: What do we intend to do next?

Based of the successful pilot, the COPD Rescue Pack is being implemented at CHA’s ten primary care sites and three pulmonary clinics. A quantitative analysis will determine its effectiveness in decreasing hospital and ED utilization; a qualitative analysis will define, more broadly, how to best encourage patients to coproduce positive health care outcomes.
Christopher Fischer

Why did we start?
Chest pain is the second-most common reason for emergency department visits. Given the potential medical, legal, and psychological effects associated with missing the diagnosis of acute coronary syndromes, clinicians have a low threshold to admit patients for prolonged observation and advanced cardiac testing.

At CHA, there are over 1,000 annual admissions for patients with chest pain. Approximately 40% of admitted patients are discharged within 1 day without advanced cardiac testing.

We identified that there was a clear need for a clinical pathway for ED patients with chest pain that is evidence-based, sensible, best utilizes available resources, and includes patient perceptions and understanding of risks. The objective of this pathway is to identify patients who are at low enough risk of acute coronary syndrome or other adverse outcomes and could be safely discharged from the emergency department.

What did we do?
We developed and are in the process of implementing a clinical pathway for the evaluation of ED patients with chest pain that includes the following components:

1. **HEART Score decision aid**: a validated decision aid that utilizes clinician impression of the patient’s history, EKG, age, risk factors, and biomarkers obtained in the ED. This decision aid is seamlessly integrated into the electronic health record and provides real-time, point of care decision support for the ED physicians.

2. **Chest Pain Choice Shared Decision Making Tool**: a validated patient-directed tool used to discuss risk stratification with patients, and engages patient in a risk-informed discussion with the ED physician that includes patient preferences.

What did we find?
- Development and implementation of real-time clinician decision support requires close coordination of multiple stakeholders: clinicians, patients, IT, legal, researchers. Aligning the goals of all stakeholders requires significant ongoing effort.
- Adopting validated tools to our practice environment is an iterative process (one size does not fit all), and the input of patients is vitally important.
- Explicit discussions about risk-informed decision making are common amongst physicians, but explicit discussions about risk between clinicians and patients is less common. Patients may have different views about risk, and integration of those views into clinical decision-making requires a real-time discussion.

What does it mean?
Implementing a clinical pathway has the potential to improve care, use resources appropriately, and improve patient knowledge.
Lorky Libaridian

Co-producing Healthy Blood Pressure Through Nursing and Pharmacy Visits

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Hypertension (HTN) is an important chronic disease which has significant effects on the morbidity and mortality of our patients. At CHA, we have just over 13,000 patients with HTN, approximately 30% of whom have uncontrolled HTN. With the aim of improving HTN control across ten primary care clinics, we formed a multidisciplinary team. Our intent was to improve our partnerships with one another as multidisciplinary healthcare professionals and to improve our partnerships with our patients. Our strategy was to engage nurses and pharmacists more intentionally as coaches for patients with uncontrolled high blood pressure. Our work included the utilization of new education materials designed with patients, new workflows for outreaching to and referring patients to nurses and pharmacists, and new documentation templates in the electronic medical record that encourage a co-productive approach to counseling for nurses.

Our data suggests that our intervention has been successful in improving - incrementally but meaningfully - the percentage of CHA patients with controlled HTN. While we are only in the preliminary stages of data analysis, it appears that at the level of the clinic there is an association between number of nursing and pharmacy coaching visits and population blood pressure control. These visits, however, do not tell the whole story. Two clinics increased their use of nursing and pharmacy visits and did not see an improvement in the proportion of patients with controlled blood pressure; one clinic improved population blood pressure control without increasing nursing and pharmacy visits. We are currently interviewing nurses at various sites to help elicit a more qualitative understanding of the way in which their own approach to counseling patients has evolved to reflect the importance of partnership and co-production. Understanding the variation between sites, both in terms of their limitations and successes, will be important in planning and spreading future improvement projects at CHA’s primary care sites.
Robert Marlin

Firehouse Model Community Health Worker Teams

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Why did we start?

Massachusetts is preparing to certify community health workers (CHWs) for the first time and is developing regulations that would allow for reimbursement for the work completed by CHWs under a licensed clinician. At the same time, Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) needs to expand the number of patients it cares for within its catchment area, including among vulnerable populations, while maintaining its current patient base. This project aimed to create CHW teams from among existing CHA Volunteer Health Advisors (VHAs) and mal-employed foreign-trained health professionals (FTHPs) to engage with a diverse, multilingual, vulnerable immigrant population on issues of health and healthcare and help link them to care at CHA.

What did we do?

After identifying the CHW teams, we established ourselves in locations in the CHA catchment area and at regular times that were convenient for the target population. We then made ourselves available to anyone at these locations and offered blood pressure screenings, information on signing up for health insurance/coverage, obtaining and retaining a primary care physician/team, preventive health information, and answers to general questions about healthcare. For those without insurance/coverage or primary care, we attempted to link them to services at CHA that could provide both of these.

What did we find?

In order for individual clinicians/care teams and vulnerable immigrant patients to be able to co-produce health, CHA as an institution first needs to engage with vulnerable immigrant populations at the level of the community. For this to happen, the communities we serve and CHA leadership, clinicians and staff must see the institution as belonging to and being part of the community, rather than simply serving it.

What does it mean (and what do we intend to do next)?

While the Firehouse Model CHW teams will not continue at CHA, the institution needs to re-orient its efforts at community health engagement towards having a regular physical presence in the community and our team will work with CHA to help effect this in the Department of Community Health Improvement and other divisions.
Colleen O'Brien

Launching an Evidence-Based Peer Recovery Program to Enhance Self Management Skills of Adults in Primary Care

Depression and addiction correlate with poor overall health outcomes. Outcomes improve when patients understand their condition and play an active role in their own recovery. In 2016, CHA screened 45,000 adult primary care patients for these conditions, and identified more than 35% for follow up. Challenges to care delivery in the conventional model, including initial engagement and retention, could be addressed by a peer recovery model. Could providing readily-available peer support programming help bridge the gap between consumers and behavioral healthcare providers, and increase self management skills of adults? This project trained 12 primary care mental health therapists in an internationally-adopted, evidence-based recovery model. We then conducted a focus group to learn if the therapists, usually “experts” in mental illness, could embrace an approach that empowers patients and emphasizes lived-experience and learning from peers? Final outcomes measures will evaluate the impact of the groups on participant hopefulness, self-advocacy, and overall health status. Lessons learned during the training and implementation process may be useful in training other healthcare professionals and advancing coproduction in healthcare.
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Dr. Nicholas Carson is Medical Director for child and adolescent outpatient psychiatry services at the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA). He is also a Clinical Research Associate at the CHA Health Equity Research Lab and an Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. His CHA Gold Innovation fellowship aims to involve patients and families in the design and implementation of child psychiatry integrated care at CHA. As a disparities investigator, Dr. Carson’s research has identified innovations in mental health services for adults and youth, and he has developed specific expertise in cross-cultural service delivery and patient-centered activation strategies. He is chair of the Quality Improvement committee for the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at CHA. He teaches clinical scholarship, psychiatric evaluation, and psychopharmacology to child psychiatry fellows. All of his clinical, research, and teaching experiences have taught him the importance of shared decision making with families as a key component of high quality mental health care.

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Dr. Serena Hsiou-Ling Chao attended Harvard-Radcliffe College and the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Following internal medicine residency training at Baystate Medical Center, she completed the Boston Medical Center/Boston University School of Medicine Geriatrics Fellowship Training Program, during which time she also obtained a Master of Science in epidemiology at the Boston University School of Public Health. Dr. Chao is currently the Chief of the Division of Geriatrics at Cambridge Health Alliance and Director of CHA’s House Calls Program. She was the Director of the BMC/BUSM Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program from 2009 to 2015. She is highly regarded as a teacher and has been recognized with the BUSM Department of Medicine’s junior faculty mentoring award. She was one of the core faculty members who designed and implemented the BMC Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) Program in Geriatrics, a case-based interactive workshop targeting rising chief residents in medical and subspecialty training programs that has now been replicated in at least 33 other institutions around the country. She served on national working groups to develop milestones and evaluation tools for the assessment of fellows’ emerging competencies in geriatric medicine.

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Over the past 10 years, I have been building a career at the intersection of internal medicine and behavioral health / mental health, with a focus on addiction as a key area of overlap. Prior to joining Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), I worked at NYU/Bellevue in New York, where I led a primary-care-based addiction program, directed the hospital’s Stop Smoking Program, and was Project Director on an NHLBI-funded study of post-discharge smoking cessation interventions.

In my current position at CHA, my role is Primary Care Lead for Behavioral Health Integration. I am part of a team implementing universal screening for depression and alcohol and substance use at 12 primary care clinics, with integration of behavioral health clinicians. We are building services in addiction, and plan to design and implement a program that offers coordinated care serving patients with a spectrum of needs. I am also a general internist, board-certified in addiction medicine, and provide care to patients in CHA’s Somerville Hospital Primary Care practice.
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Fiona McCaughan, RN, MS, is a nurse leader at Cambridge Health Alliance in primary care. Recently lead two primary care sites through Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) level 3 certification and PCMH Prime certification (integrating behavioral health into primary care). For past three years supported multi-facility learning collaborative with Harvard Medical School, Center for Primary Care as a leader and as the nurse planner. Gold Fellow Innovation Fellow for co-producing healthcare improvements for people with diabetes. Theory: Using a health coach model and employing motivational interviewing will create a collaborative environment in primary care for patients to develop and edit their care plans with their care team members. Successful chronic disease management and patient engagement are critical in improving health outcomes, reducing costs, improving the patient’s experience of care, and improving staff work life.

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Miriam Tepper’s work has always been devoted to improving the quality of life for adults with serious mental illness. Her first exposure to the field of psychiatry involved research on the use of psychiatric advance directives in the community treatment of adults with serious mental illness, a project that spawned her initial interest in this population and treatment setting. She pursued residency at MGH/McLean, and then began working at CHA on the clinical team which she now leads, the Health Integration Program (formerly ACS). She facilitated the clinical team’s transformation into a Behavioral Health Home model of care. This work has involved collaborations with policy makers, hospital leaders, community providers, and researchers. Concurrent with the change into a Behavioral Health Home, she has also developed a program for young adults with psychosis.

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Nicholas Carson

Co-Producing Health Decisions for Families at the Interface of Behavioral Health and Primary Care

“Integrated care” is a healthcare approach that embeds mental health providers in primary care settings to provide timely consultation to families. Integration care is listed in CHA’s “2020 Areas of Focus” and is supported by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Such innovative approaches to whole population systems of care are especially important for low-income youth and families, who often suffer poor access to mental health services and low quality treatment once they reach care. These are predominantly the families we serve at CHA. Much research now shows that prevention and early intervention in pediatric behavioral health care lead to health and cost benefits down the road. My CHA-Gold Innovation project aims to engage clinicians, patients and families in the co-production of a successful model of child psychiatry integration that provides families with the best experience of care. While plans for child psychiatry integration at CHA are coalescing quickly, pediatricians are expressing concern over difficulties accessing high quality and readily available consultation. My fellowship year will engage families with mental health need who are receiving primary care at CHA in a discussion of our plans for integration. We will use in-depth interviews and local Family Advisory Groups at CHA to engage these families. Referrals to mental health are never simple and low-income families face many barriers to reaching good mental health care. We will consider new uses of the electronic health record (EHR) and other technologies to give families the information they prioritize in understanding mental health treatment and achieving the best health outcomes for their children.

Serena Hsiou-Ling Chao

Improving Dementia Care in the CHA House Calls Program

My project is focused on improving care provided by the CHA House Calls team to patients with dementia, their family members, and their caregivers. My main goals are to: 1) enhance health care provider’s management of demented patients’ behavioral symptoms and progressive clinical decline; 2) alleviate caregiver stress by systematically connecting families and caregivers with appropriate community services; and 3) reduce the risk of demented patients receiving harmful aggressive medical interventions that have little hope of improving quality or quantity of life through engagement of all team members—including families and caregivers—in the creation of shared, realistic goals of care. I plan to target three separate groups for dementia-related education: 1) patients and their families/caregivers; 2) House Calls clinical staff; and 3) staff at the two assisted living facilities operated by the VNA of Eastern Massachusetts (in Cambridge and Somerville). Potential outcome measures would be reduction in preventable ER visits and hospitalizations and decreased family/caregiver self-rated stress. Process measures would include increased referrals to community services, increased percentage of patients with DNR/DNI status on completed MOLST orders, and increased referrals to palliative care and/or hospice depending on the patient’s needs, preferences, and stage of disease.
Ellie Grossman

Improving entry into treatment for opioid use disorder at CHA

CHA’s local communities have been deeply affected by the increasing prevalence of opioid use disorder – with many people touched by overdose deaths among friends or family, or seeing the life dysfunction experienced by people with untreated disease. Patients with addiction often have chaos in their daily lives and deep ambivalence about seeking treatment, so it is critical for a health-care system to be able to get them into treatment quickly when they are experiencing a help-seeking moment. In recent years, we have built mental health and addiction services in primary care (which decreases stigma) and added addiction treatment capacity across CHA, but we have not yet developed a coordinated intake and navigation system across our multiple sites to help ensure that patients find the treatment setting that best meets their needs. For my 2017 Gold Foundation fellowship project, I plan to work with colleagues in primary care and addiction psychiatry, as well as CHA’s IT department, to design and build a patient-friendly central navigation system – so that patients can get quickly matched to a treatment setting and smoothly transferred from one setting to another when needed. Our system will build on the experiences of patients who have made it into treatment and told us their stories, while keeping an eye out for those who seem to experience barriers (and try to address them) – so that we can get as many patients smoothly into treatment as possible.

Fiona McCaughan

Developing a Patient-Care Team Co management Model for Diabetes Management

Diabetes is a major contributor to disabilities: cardiovascular disease, blindness, kidney failure and lower limb amputation. In Massachusetts more than 7% of adults have diabetes, and Black, non-Hispanic; Hispanic and Asians have a higher prevalence of diabetes. One of our strategic initiatives at Cambridge Health Alliance is to improve the health of our patients, specifically to improve the percentage of patients who have controlled diabetes. We use careplans with our patients to partner in their health by engaging patients around what is important to them and their overall well-being. We know that engaged patients are more likely to understand their health needs and treatments and we use the careplan as a platform for this. This project will work with patients and care providers to evaluate the care plan process from both the patients’ and the providers’ perspective and using one care team to try various interventions to improve the process and outcomes.
Miriam Tepper

Planning Together: Use of the care plan the support the health goals of adults with serious mental illness

Individuals with serious mental illnesses (SMI) such as schizophrenia face a 20-30 year mortality gap compared with the general population, an inequity thought to be due in large part to adverse health behaviors. Behavior change is hard for all of us, and even more challenging for those with SMI. Yet behavior change in this population is possible, and represents a key step in bending the curve of the mortality gap. In this project, I will examine the use of the care plan, which is a tool in the health record which includes patients’ and providers’ stated health goals as well as patients’ identified challenges and supports in meeting these goals. Because any provider can view the care plan and talk with patients about health goals, the care plan is an ideal tool for facilitating the kind of repeated attention to health promotion needed for adults with SMI. Every clinical encounter therefore represents an opportunity to support patients in their health goals. Our clinical team has seen repeatedly that our patients want to be healthier; they are often not so interested in talking about illness, but are very interested in working on wellness. And while there is so much in healthcare that is provider-driven, framing a clinical encounter with an open question to patients about their health goals shifts the focus of the encounter toward co-production. This project aligns with CHA’s strategic emphasis on cross-disciplinary coordination and integration of care. On a broader scale, addressing the institutional goal of healthier patients and communities will require the accruing of many, many individual-level behavior changes. Using an improvement science approach, I aim to determine whether care plans have the potential to serve as a vehicle for promoting this behavior change.

Leah Zallman

Co-producing provider engagement: a novel paradigm

High levels of provider engagement and low levels of burnout are associated with improved patient experience of care, health outcomes, healthcare quality and cost of care. In 2016, recognizing the importance of provider engagement, Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) adopted a strategic plan that underscores the importance of the workforce and declares its intention of being a great place to work. That same year, CHA conducted a survey of providers which demonstrated low levels of provider engagement. Using an improvement science approach, this project aims to examine and address the underlying causes of provider engagement. A key driver of engagement is how providers relate to other individuals (especially colleagues and leaders) at their institution. Because the framework of co-production encourages a focus on relationships, this lens may be particularly well suited to addressing low levels of provider engagement at CHA.

The project begins with a formative phase, in which the focus is on gaining a deeper understanding of the context at CHA through listening to key stakeholders and reviewing existing current data. The project then enters a developmental phase, during which the focus is to develop an approach to the problem at CHA. In this developmental phase, the focus is on engaging providers and leaders in conversations around how to improve engagement at CHA. Finally, the project enter an active phase, in which the goal is to sponsor small tests of change intended to improve the quality of relationships between leaders and providers and nurture a culture of provider engagement at CHA.
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Marie brings personal perspective to her work—she has three sons, one of whom required intensive therapy and early intervention for his first six years.

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Dr. Allen had served as the Vice President of Medical Affairs at Steward Holy Family Hospital and Regional Vice President of Medical Affairs for Holy Family, Merrimack Valley Hospital and Nashoba Valley Medical Center. In these roles, he had responsibility for quality and performance improvement, medical staff services, care management, risk management, accreditation and regulatory affairs.

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