



## State Innovation Model (SIM)

**August 28, 2014**

### **Stay tuned for the Accountable Communities for Health Grant Program RFP**

The Accountable Communities for Health Grant RFP is expected to be released during the first week of September. Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement. The RFP will be posted at [the Minnesota Accountable Health Model – SIM Minnesota RFP web page](#).

### **Accountable Communities for Health update**

More than 200 total people attended the nine regional meetings held throughout the state from July 28 through August 6. Attendees learned more about the Minnesota Accountable Health Model, received updates about the Accountable Communities for Health grant program and networked with community partners.

Over a third of attendees said they represented community-based organizations. Others were from health care, behavioral health, local public health and other local government, social services, education, long-term care and businesses. Participants at each meeting discussed local partnerships currently underway and how Accountable Communities for Health funds could be leveraged to enhance partnerships and improve health in the community.

Handouts from regional meetings are available on the SIM website under Past Events: SIM vision for Healthy Communities, Regional Meetings. [Materials include presentation slides, Accountable Communities for Health: How to Get Started and a glossary of terms.](#)

### **Capacity building for Health Care Home certified clinics**

Health Care Home nurse planning staff have been making phone calls to all primary care clinics throughout Minnesota that are not yet Health Care Home certified to better understand their thoughts, plans and concerns around this foundational piece of health care reform and quality improvement. The addition of a SIM nurse planner to the health care home staff has allowed for the state to offer increased support to clinics wanting to pursue health care home certification.

### **Practice Facilitation and Learning Collaborative work groups forming**

An external expert work group and an internal MDH/DHS workgroup is meeting in August and September to guide work related to practice facilitation and learning collaboratives. Both the external experts and internal MDH/DHS representatives will share resources and programs they work with to inform our work with the SIM project.

### **Health Care Home/ Minnesota Accountable Health Model Learning Collaborative Advisory Committee meeting Sept 11**

The primary purpose of this group is to provide guidance and technical expertise to the HCH/ Minnesota Accountable Health Model Learning Collaborative. The committee will meet September 11 from 9 a.m. to 11

a.m., at the Wellstone Center, 179 Robie Street East, St Paul, Room 272. [Click here for more information about the committee.](#)



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