



## State Innovation Model (SIM)

November 26, 2014

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### Request for Proposals for Learning Community Grants

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is seeking proposals from qualified professionals or organizations to plan, implement, facilitate and evaluate four Learning Communities. Learning communities give care providers tools to improve quality, patient experience and health outcomes, while actively engaging communities and reducing health care expenditures as part of the Minnesota Accountable Health Model Grant.

The General Learning Community grant goal is to help interested small, independent practices create learning communities that meet their special learning needs.

This grant opportunity will provide funding to four Learning Communities to advance the Minnesota Accountable Health Model:

1. Three General Learning Communities focused on a selected transformation topic. There will be an additional round of funding in 2015.
2. One Accountable Community for Health (ACH) Learning Community focused on topics specific to implementation of an ACH.

#### Funding:

General Learning Communities Round 1: February – October 31, 2015

- Grant term is for nine (9) months from the start date
- Total of up to \$150,000 available for first round
- We will award up to \$50,000 per proposal for up to 3 awards

Applicants may apply or re-apply for more than one grant round. Applicants may submit proposals to convene more than one learning community during each grant round (eligible funding up to \$50,000 per award). We require applicants to submit separate proposals for each Learning Community they are proposing to convene.

ACH Learning Community Grant: One round only. February 2015 – December 31, 2016

There will be one round for the ACH Learning Community for one award of up to \$200,000. Applicants can only apply for the ACH Learning Community grant during the first round of applications. The scheduled start date for the ACH Learning Community is February 2015 and the end date is December 31, 2016.

The ACH Learning Community grant goal provides technical support and peer learning opportunities for ACH teams throughout the state.

#### Eligible applicants include:

- Community-based nonprofit
- For-profit organizations
- Government entities or Tribal Government
- Clinics and hospitals
- Community health or public health organizations
- Quality improvement organizations
- Professional provider associations
- Institutes of higher education

Applications for both opportunities are due December 30, 2014 at 4:00 pm. CST

SIM staff held an informational webinar on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. [Webinar Presentation](#)

[Please submit questions online.](#) We will respond to all submitted questions and will regularly update a comprehensive Q & A document of all questions.

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## Provider input sought for Practice Facilitation grant program

The Minnesota Accountable Health Model is asking the following providers for feedback about their technical assistance needs.

- social service providers
- behavioral health providers
- long-term and post-acute care providers
- primary care providers

By providing input about desired technical assistance and support needed for internal quality improvement and cross-provider **service integration**, providers can help shape priorities for Minnesota Accountable Health Model's Practice Facilitation grant program.

We are holding a Providers Forum on December 2 to discuss Practice Facilitation goals, providers' interests and priorities for technical assistance.

Prior to the forum, we invite providers to respond to preliminary questions via a short [survey](#).

Providers' Forum

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

9:00 - 11:00 AM, check-in starts at 8:30

Wellstone Center/Neighborhood House

179 Robie Street East, St. Paul

[Registration is required](#)

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## Learning Collaborative Advisory Committee Meeting Announcement

The Health Care Homes/State Innovation Model Learning Collaborative Advisory Committee meets Thursday, December 4, 2014, 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. at the Wellstone Center, in Room 212. The Wellstone Center is located at 179 Robie Street, St Paul, Minnesota 55107.

This learning collaborative will provide an opportunity for health care homes, Minnesota Accountable Health Model participants and state agencies to exchange information and enhance understanding related to quality improvement and best practices. The primary purpose of this group is to provide guidance and technical expertise to the Health Care Homes/ Minnesota Accountable Health Model Learning Collaborative.

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## SIM and the Minnesota e-Health Initiative

The Minnesota Accountable Health Model will test and evaluate whether they can use investments in e-health, data analytics used for population health, and HIE to accelerate the movement of health care providers and organizations to shared cost, shared savings or Total Cost of Care (TCOC) arrangements. These investments build upon and align with the vision of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative and the 2015 Interoperable Electronic Health Record (EHR) Mandate. This vision is to accelerate the adoption and use of health information technology in order to enhance health care quality, increase patient safety, reduce health care costs and improve public health.

Minnesota e-Health Initiative Workgroup Meetings

The Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee recently approved the [Minnesota e-Health Initiative Workgroups](#) for the 2014-2015 year (see below). All meetings are open to the public. We encourage interested parties to attend in person or by phone and contribute to discussions on activities that advance e-health in Minnesota and that can impact policy decisions and statewide e-health efforts. For questions or to join the email distribution list of a workgroup, please email the staff contact for that workgroup.

- [HIE Workgroup](#)

Next meeting: Thursday, December 4 from 1:00-3:30 TIES Event Center, St. Paul

- [Privacy and Security Workgroup](#)

Next meeting: Friday, January 23 from 1:00pm-3:30pm. HealthEast, St. Paul

- [Standards & Interoperability Workgroup](#)

Next meeting: February 2015

- [e-Prescribing Workgroup](#)

Next meeting: TBD

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## Minnesota e-Health Summit: Save the Date and Call for Presentations

Please join us on June 16-17, 2015, at the 11th Annual Minnesota e-Health Summit: [Connecting Communities to Advance Population Health](#). Share your e-health story; the Call for Presentations is short and easy to complete. Please direct questions to Helene Johnson at 651-222-7409 x206. Deadline for submission: December 15, 2015.

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## Privacy and Security Resources Available to Health Care Providers and Health Professionals in Minnesota

New resources are now available for health care providers and professionals in Minnesota to help improve privacy, security and consent management programs. Visit [www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/privacy](http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/privacy) to download copies of new and updated documents:

- Minnesota Standard Consent Form for the Release of Health Information
  - Model Notice of Privacy Practices for Minnesota
  - Summary of Proactive Monitoring Processes for Ensuring Health Data Security
  - Security Risk Assessment Tip Sheet
  - Fact Sheet re: HIPAA, Minnesota's Health Records Act and Psychotherapy Notes
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## [Capturing Social and Behavioral Domains and Measures in Electronic Health Records: Phase 2](#)

Authors: Committee on the Recommended Social and Behavioral Domains and Measures for Electronic Health Records; Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice; Institute of Medicine.

The National Academies Press has free pdf downloads available.

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## [The Build Health Challenge Launches \\$7.5 million initiative to fund innovative collaborations that improve community health](#)



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