

Publishing Early Findings: Eight Beacon Communities Presented at AcademyHealth Meeting

On February 14, 2012, eight Beacon Communities presented publication concepts at a Beacon Evidence and Innovation Network (BEIN) Workshop hosted by AcademyHealth in conjunction with the National Health Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. This workshop provided Beacon Community team members with an opportunity to discuss, vet, and refine their priority publication concepts with 10 assembled journal representatives and other health policy thought leaders.

Funded through the HHS Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), the Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement Program is part of a larger health care improvement revolution that demonstrates how health IT investments and Meaningful Use of electronic health records (EHR) advance the vision of patient-centered care, while achieving the three-part aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. Seventeen communities from Maine to Hawaii have received \$250 million in total over three years, and are nearly half way through the program.

“We want communities and policymakers across the country to benefit from the experiences of the Beacon Communities,” said Craig Brammer, Director of the Beacon Community Program at ONC. “The communities have early evidence of their work and it’s time to share these lessons with others.”

The meeting was a combination of “pitch” presentations from the Beacon Communities and feedback from the journal editors and thought leaders.

AcademyHealth’s President and CEO Lisa Simpson said, “The generation of relevant, actionable research is a core tenant of the work we do, and we were both impressed with the variety of paper concepts and encouraged by the interest expressed by participating journal editors in hearing about the Beacon Community Program experiences.”

At AcademyHealth, we realize that the Beacon Communities will want – in fact need – to communicate early findings and promising practices through many channels. We are very pleased to have had the opportunity to assist them with planning their strategies for reaching critical audiences through peer review.

Journals:

- Sarah Dine, Health Affairs
- Ed Livingston, Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)
- Jill Waalen and Bill Silberg, American Journal of Preventive Medicine
*Bill Silberg is now at Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
- Bradford Grey, Milbank Quarterly
- Anne Farmakidis, Academic Medicine
- Gloria Bazzoli, Medical Care Research and Review
- Virginia Brennan, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved
- Lloyd Novick, Journal of Public Health Management and Practice
- Harold Lehman, Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association
- Jackie Boucher, Diabetes Spectrum

Beacon Proposed Publications

*All titles are in draft form

1. **Western New York Beacon Community** - Establishing Pre-Beacon Trends in Quality and Utilization for Diabetic Adults: Analysis of Claims Data from 2008-2010.
2. **The Bangor Beacon Community** - A Multi-institutional Regional Collaboration for Quality Improvement for Patients with Chronic Conditions.
3. **Crescent City Beacon Community** - Concept Topic: Achieving Data Standardization in a Diverse, Open Safety Net System.
4. **Utah IC3 Beacon Community** - Use of Mobile Health Technology as an Intervention for Type II Diabetes Self-Management.
5. **San Diego Beacon Community** - Remote Patient Monitoring among CHF Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions.
6. **Central Indiana Beacon Community** - HIE Cost Analysis for Diabetes Management Variables.
7. **Hawaii Beacon Community** - Impact of a Health IT Support Service in a Rural Community: Supporting Physicians Beyond Meaningful Use.
8. **Greater Cincinnati Beacon Community** - Effect of Admission and ED/Urgent Care Visit Alerts, Combined with Clinical Interventions, on Improving Care and Outcomes for Children with Asthma.

For more information about the Beacon Community Program visit <http://bit.ly/uEvKzs>

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About the [National Health Policy Conference](#)

The National Health Policy Conference (NHPC) provides clarity on the nation's critical health policy issues for the upcoming year and delivers a program with insider perspectives from health policy leaders to an audience that includes researchers, policy experts, and advocates.

About the [Beacon Evidence and Innovation Network \(BEIN\)](#)

Through the Beacon Evidence and Innovation Network (BEIN), AcademyHealth has joined with The Commonwealth Fund, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and other experts to assist the 17 selected communities of the Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement Program in identifying, documenting, and disseminating the lessons and results of their individual efforts in a systematic way. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to generate actionable, rigorous evidence from the Beacons on identifying strategies for leveraging health information technology to improve patient care and reduce costs.