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Epic Constellation: Launch to Control Groups

In December, we announced the approval of Epic Constellation by the Information Technology and Business Intelligence (IT/BI) Committee and the launch of Epic Constellation to Chapter-designated Control Groups. System testing and feedback are progressing nicely. Thank you to our Control Group participants for testing the system; your feedback will help us deliver the best product possible to our network.

Control Group Launch by Chapter:

Chapter	Healthy Planet Link	Cost and Utilization
Bronson		
Covenant		
HFHS/HFAH	✓	✓
Lakeland	✓	✓
MidMichigan	✓	NA
Sparrow		

Care Management Workgroup

Affirmant has officially kicked off the Care Management Workgroup (CMW). The workgroup will be tasked with advancing Affirmant's care management priorities as well as ensuring implementation and evaluation of programs and initiatives. The workgroup evolved out of a Best Practice Learning Collaborative that met for three, day-long events to discuss and brainstorm care management best practices. The culmination of their efforts was five, year-one priorities.

Care Management Workgroup Priorities		
Area	Priority	Owner
Staffing	Develop and adopt standard roles and responsibilities for core team members	Member Expertise
Staffing	Align total number of eligible patients per Chapter to future state staffing model	Affirmant Staff
Eligibility	Understand and implement predictive models and clinical workflows	Affirmant Staff & Member Expertise
Engagement	Develop and adopt standard expectations and competencies for care managers	Member Expertise
Metrics	Agree on technical definitions, benchmarks and targets for measures	Affirmant Staff

Welcome and congratulations members of the Care Management Workgroup!

Care Management Workgroup

Kimberly Ross Co-Chair	Beth Fiskars
Samantha Fell	Caitlin Yanakeff
Steven Frazier Chair	Victoria Felton
Susan Price	Amy Pierman
Kelsey Hoffman	Nancy Arce
Ashley Rosa	



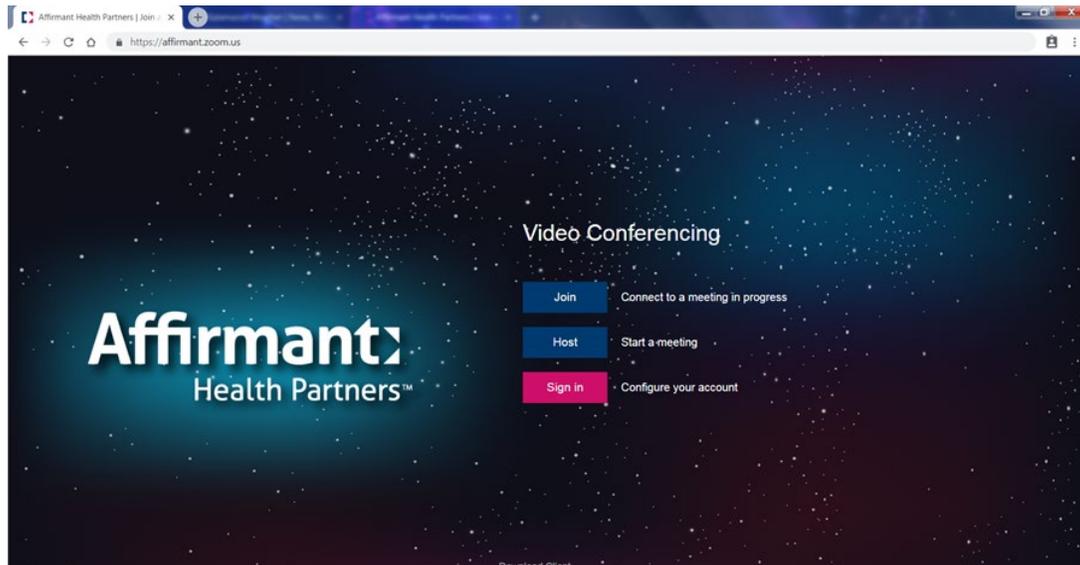
Video Blog January 2019



Happy New Year Affirmant members! A lot has happened in the past year. Take a moment to watch the January video blog to learn more from Dr. Bill Mayer about the many events leading us into 2019.

Also, **stay tuned to the end for behind the scenes outtakes!** You won't want to miss this blog!

Zoom Meetings



Affirmant Health Partners is moving to Zoom for virtual meetings. This solution has proved to be a great alternative to past products.

Most committee members have used this tool for meetings in December and January, but for those who may have questions or may need more direction, the link provided below will direct you to "How to join a meeting," a video tutorial to explain how Zoom works. Let us know how we can be of assistance during this transition. Please reach out to Erik Pye, erik.pye@affirmant.com and/or 269.552.4219

[How do I join a meeting in Zoom?](#)

Leadership Retreat - 2019

Please join us for the 4th Annual Affirmant Leadership Retreat on Tuesday, May 7, at the East Lansing [Marriott at University Place](#). Registration will be open from February 15 through April 7. All Affirmant committee members are invited, as well as a select number of seats that will be offered at the discretion of each Chapter.

Block your calendars and join us for a day of networking and best practice sharing.

You asked and we delivered. This year's Leadership Retreat will be held in east Lansing, MI, a more central location for our network. If you'd like to stay overnight, Marriott has offered attendees a special rate. **To reserve a room, please follow the link below**



[Reserve a room for the 2019 Leadership Retreat](#)

Recognize Outstanding Work



At Affirmant Health Partners our vision is to provide a healthy Michigan at an affordable cost. We could not achieve that goal without the dedication and leadership of our colleagues and high-performing teams. With the Leadership Awards, we want to recognize team members who demonstrate our core values and bring us closer to our vision. 2018 was a big year for Affirmant and our member Chapters; please recognize a teammate today! Any team member associated with Affirmant Health Partners through a member system and/or a participating provider agreement may nominate or be nominated. Nominations will be open until March 15, 2019. Click the link below to nominate a member today!

[Leadership Award Nomination Form - 2019](#)

Put your best practice on display - Poster Presentations



Last year we launched a new best practices sharing segment to our Leadership Retreat – Poster Presentations. This is a graphic presentation of a clinical integration best practice discovered by any team member associated with Affirmant Health Partners through a member health system and/or a participating provider agreement. If you are interested in participating in this poster presentation or know of a team member that should participate, submit a one-page abstract by April 7, 2019. Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your Chapter's work!

[2019 Poster Presentation Submission](#)

Farewell, Dennis Swan and Dr. Harman Nagler!



Two of Affirmant's founding members are retiring from their roles with Affirmant Health Partners and Sparrow Health System. Dennis Swan, President and CEO, Sparrow Health System and founding Board Chairperson for Affirmant, and Dr. Harman Nagler, Vice President of Clinical Integration, Sparrow Care Network and founding Board Member for Affirmant, will be greatly missed. We wish them both the best of luck in their retirement!

Member Spotlight

Henry Ford Allegiance Health

Congratulations Henry Ford Allegiance Health, for being pioneers in quality!

Joint Commission Recognizes Henry Ford Allegiance Health as 2018 Pioneers in Quality™

January 10, 2019

Jackson, Michigan — Henry Ford Allegiance Health (HFAH) is honored to be recognized by The Joint Commission as a 2018 Pioneers in Quality™ Solution Contributor for its contributions to electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) data for quality improvement in health care.

"The Joint Commission recognition reflects our team's commitment to continuous quality improvement, especially as it relates to the adoption of electronic clinical quality measures," said Rebecca Rizkallah, Director, Performance Excellence & Quality, Henry Ford Allegiance Health. "Like The Joint Commission, we believe gathering and analyzing performance data is crucial to continuously improving quality of care and outcomes."



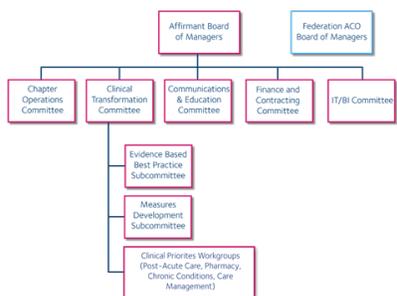
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Collaboration Champions



Collaboration Champions are key contacts to support members in intercommunication opportunities between Chapters. Each champion is armed with resources to enable members to reach out to subject matter experts at other Chapters to aid in collaboration. Please contact your designated collaboration champion if wish to connect with other Chapters for intercommunication opportunities.

Committee Structure and Updates



Our Organization is physician-led and professionally managed. The Board of Managers consists of two representatives from each member system and a few advisors.

[Read More: Committee Structure and Updates](#)

Connect with us on Social Media

Affirmant is on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) to connect with current and potential stakeholders. This is also a great way for us to highlight the important work our member systems are doing as well. If you are active on either of these platforms, please find us or even tweet at us [@Affirmant](#).



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