

Health and Homelessness Community of Practice Quarterly Convening



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Connecting for Better Health
Advancing data sharing to improve the health of all Californians

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Participant Introductions

No.	Questions
1	What is your name and what organization do you work for?
2	What type of organization do you work for (e.g., QHIO, CoC, health plan)?
3	What geography do you serve?
4	What is one topic or issue that's on your mind that cross-sector data sharing could help address?

Recap of CoP & Our Goals


CoP Context

- Managed care plans (MCPs) and Continuums of Care (CoCs) both serve individuals with complex care needs, yet they often lack the tools to be able to effectively and efficiently collaborate and coordinate to meet the needs of their shared members/clients.
- The 2022 CalAIM Initiative recognized that housing is health care, integrating housing-related services into the Medi-Cal program.
- At the same time, the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) established incentives for MCPs and CoCs to share data about clients in common to enable effective CalAIM implementation.

Problem Statement

The Community of Practice seeks to **overcome the technology and adoption hurdles** that have prevented data sharing between health and homeless systems for decades.

Data Sharing in the CoP

 = additional data of focus since our last meeting

- The goal is for MCPs and CoCs to easily and readily be able to:
 - Identify shared clients
 - Document CoC clients' Medi-Cal enrollment status, member ID, and assigned MCP
 - Access CoC case manager contact information so Medi-Cal providers can locate their members
 - Document successful ECM and Community Supports referrals in HMIS without manual entry
 - Share housing status updates to close the loop on care coordination
 - Exchange additional data elements such as Medi-Cal renewal date and employment income to help individuals maintain coverage
 - Share key data that CoCs and BH departments collect for Transitional Rent, BHSA and other BH program eligibility

Spotlight: San Mateo CoC and Health Plan of San Mateo

The San Mateo Team

Organization	Name	Title
San Mateo CoC	Amy Davidson	Director, Center on Homelessness
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	Wendell Kirkman	Data and Evaluation Management Analyst
Health Plan of San Mateo	Amy Scribner	Chief Health Officer
	Eben Yong	Chief Information Officer

How We Got Started in the CoP

- San Mateo County joined the Community of Practice after attending a presentation about it during a conference
- San Mateo CoC and Health Plan of San Mateo met with the CoP team to discuss the opportunity
 - We shared that the CoC and health plan had just put a data sharing agreement in place, so this was not a blocker to getting started and we were keen to get started on what came after this step
 - We learned about the Georgetown solution and the Technical Assistance that would be provided throughout this work and decided to move forward in joining the CoP

Where We Are Now

1 ✓
Bilateral Data
Sharing Agreement
in Place

2 ✓
Security and
Compliance Review
of Technology
Solution Complete

3 ✓
Install Solution and
Test with Fake Data

4 ★
Test Client Matching
with Real Data

Align on Additional
Data Elements to be
Shared

5 ☆
Test the Solution
with Real Data
Exchange

6 ☆
Automate Bilateral
Data Exchange and
Ingestion

✓ = Complete

★ = Current Stage

☆ = Upcoming

- Our team is aligning on the **additional data elements we want to exchange between each other** to help further improve care coordination for our shared members
- We will begin **testing with real data to confirm we're exchanging only the data intended** and the **data is landing in the right place**
- Once complete we'll begin bilateral data exchange and work to automate the ingestion
- In addition to this work, we are working together to **identify and implement additional use cases for data exchange**

Key Insights

- 1** **Once the right IT resources were in place, testing and implementation moved quickly.** Working sessions with our & Georgetown's tech team accelerated troubleshooting and the fake data test delivered a 100% member match rate
- 2** **Strong alignment and shared decision-making between CoC and health plan leadership was a force multiplier,** keeping key questions like data exchange strategy on track and the work moving forward
- 3** **Leveraging the materials and resources that the CoP team developed was key** to socializing the work, bringing stakeholders along, and building the org-wide buy-in needed **to sustain momentum**

Workgroup Pairs Progress

Community		Progress				
County/CoC	MCP	Regularly Meeting	Bilateral DSA	Security/Compliance Review of Client Matching Tool	Testing Client Matching Tool	Testing Automated Data Ingestion
Sacramento (SSF)	Health Net	✓	In progress	✓ Cleared security and compliance review with Health Net	✓ Health Net install complete & ready to begin testing w/ fake data	
Kings / Tulare	Anthem Health Net	✓	In place	✓ In progress with Anthem ✓ Cleared security and compliance review with Health Net and Kings/Tulare	✓ Completed with Kings/Tulare ✓ Health Net install complete & ready to begin testing w/ fake data	
San Mateo	HPSM	✓	In place	✓ Cleared security and compliance review	✓ Completed with fake data ✓ In progress with real data	✓ Starting soon
Santa Clara	SCFHP	✓	In place	✓ Cleared security and compliance review with the SCFHP ✓ In progress with SCC OSH	✓ Completed with Santa Clara Family Health Plan	
Contra Costa	Kaiser	✓	In progress	✓ Cleared security and compliance review with Kaiser	✓ Kaiser to begin testing soon	
Ventura	Gold Coast	✓	In progress	✓ Obtaining resources to begin the security & compliance review process		
San Francisco	Anthem	✓	In progress			
Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo	CenCal	✓	In place		✓ Completed with Santa Barbara	✓ In progress with Santa Barbara

Q&A



Lessons From the Last Quarter

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- **Data exchange supports Medicaid retention:** Sharing additional data elements, such as Medicaid renewal dates and employment income will allow counties and MCPs to identify and act on upcoming renewals and work requirements.
- **Existing data sharing agreements can be a strong starting point:** Updating prior agreements, adapting agreements from partner counties, or using the [Homebase template](#) has helped teams get agreements in place and move into implementation faster.
- **Tech implementation is easier and faster than expected:** The most time-consuming work is getting organized and securing approvals, not the technical setup. San Mateo moved quickly through install and testing once tech resources were in place; Health Net and Kings/Tulare moved to testing data exchange with fake data as soon as approvals were secured.
- **Early movers are building confidence across the community:** Health Plan of San Mateo, Santa Clara Family Health Plan, Health Net, and San Mateo and Kings/Tulare CoCs have successfully cleared security review, testing, and are moving into implementation, demonstrating feasibility and reducing uncertainty for teams still in earlier stages.

Lessons From the Last Quarter

- **SFTP is the most common data sharing method:** Health plans already have SFTP servers in place for automated data exchanges and it's straightforward to use an existing SFTP server as the intermediary for health plan <> CoC Lead exchanges (vs. peer-to-peer, for example).
- **Client matching can begin before all data exchange decisions are finalized:** Teams can implement the solution and begin client matching while continuing to refine which data elements they want to exchange. San Mateo is doing exactly this.
- **A shared starter set of data exchange elements is helping counties move faster:** Counties and MCPs are deciding which data elements to exchange, and [a starter list](#) generated from our most advanced counties gives new teams a practical place to begin.
- **Teams can tackle different parts of the data exchange process:** Santa Barbara continued with their current data sharing process and is focussing on how to ingest data into the HMIS record without manual entry.

Discussion Question

What is one thing you've done since our last convening in February to further cross-sector data sharing between health and homeless systems of care?



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CoP ENGAGEMENT

209 Participants

99
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141
Organizations

CoP WORKGROUPS

10 CoP
County
Pairs

6
Completed
Workgroup
Meetings

CoP PROGRESS

6 Bilateral DSAs

4 Bilateral DSAs in
progress

11 CoP
resources
created

Communities of Practice Wiki

A shared space where organizations can exchange lessons, and co-design and implement practical data solutions to tackle complex community health challenges

CoP Wiki Users Can...

- Access practical “how-to” examples from peers who have addressed data matching/sharing, along with useful tools, solutions, and resources.
- Share progress, troubleshoot challenges, and exchange lessons and promising practices.
- Stay informed about Communities of Practice updates and activities.
- Collaborate on our CA County-Level Data Sharing Snapshot resource.

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Resources & Tools

All CoP Resources are available on the Wiki

Resource

[CoP Project Overview](#)

[AB 133 FAQ](#)

[CoP Privacy Overview Document: Relevant Privacy Laws for Cross-sector Data Sharing](#)

[CoP Overview of PSI Data Sharing Tool](#)

[CoP PSI Data Matching FAQ](#)

[Project Blueprint: Enhancing Continuity of Care via Cross-CoC Data Match \(SB & SLO\)](#)

[Strategic Framework for Cross-Jurisdictional HMIS Data Sharing](#)

[Contra Costa Case Study: Bilateral Data Sharing Between Housing and Health Systems](#)

Q&A



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