

Michigan Rural Health Clinic Network meeting

August 23rd

Our August 23rd, 2018 meeting continued to focus on our first Strategic Imperative *“Develop and implement a meaningful, value-added data strategy plan”*.

The network uses **Quality Health Indicators (QHi)** as its, quality benchmarking program. We currently have 66 RHC clinics enrolled, with 14 actively reporting.

Two of our high performing RHC’s presented on their method of tracking and supporting the QHi clinical quality measures.

- Leann Haase, Hart Family Medical – BMI Improvement Process
- Laurie Berner, Prescott Clinic – Controlling High Blood Pressure

You can find both presentation on our [MCRH website](#).

The network continues to grow the financial benchmarking capabilities with the addition of Lilypad’s **Practice Operations National Database (“POND”)**. We currently have 75 clinics enrolled. This is sure to be a great financial benchmarking tool for the clinics.

Nathan Baugh, our friend from Capitol Associates, Inc. provided us updates on the **CY 2019 Proposed New Medicare Regulations for RHCs** including:

1. Revision to Payment for Care Management Services (HCPCS code G0511)
2. New Payment for Communication Technology – Based Services and Remote Evaluations.

You can find the full presentation [here](#).

Lastly, Kris Allen, Chief Operations Officer at Eaton Rapids Medical center shared her thoughts on the “Thrive for Data” and led a productive discussion regarding the transparency, values and barriers surrounding data.

The next meetings is scheduled for November 1st, 2018 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Mt Pleasant.

