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Dear CO-OP members,

As we move into the new year, we wanted to surprise you with a monthly newsletter! The newsletters will focus on updates within the Dartmouth CO-OP NNE PBRN from new staff, to upcoming research project proposals, and even special spotlights on various clinics and member providers. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and would love to hear feedback on features that you would like to see in future editions. Please send your comments and thoughts to our email (DartmouthCO-OPNNEPBRN@Hitchcock.org).



Virtual gathering screenshot depicting some of our attendees of the 42nd Annual Meeting. Taken by Zoe Daudier.

42nd Annual Meeting Review

First off we want to acknowledge all the hard work of the CO-OP staff for putting on a successful 42nd Annual Meeting on January 27-28. This past year's meeting was themed around COVID-19 and consisted of hearing from Keynote Speakers, Mira Bjelotomich Irons, MD, on Thursday and John Westfall, MD, MPH, on Friday. We had over 100 people attend the event representing New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and states as far away as North Carolina.

While we were unable to be in person, we were excited with the turnout and the atmosphere everyone was able to create. Many great ideas have developed and we look forward to flourishing collaborations. We have already begun discussing our plans for next year's 43rd Annual Meeting and have high hopes we will be able to see you all in person once again.



This month is known as the start of spring to some, but also the start of mud season to many. As we welcome the thaw, fresh maple syrup, and warming temperatures, we look forward to the implementation of several new CO-OP research projects.

Ongoing Projects:

- Clinician & Patient Utilization of Expanded Age Range for the HPV Vaccine and Shared-Decision Making
 - **Principal Investigator:** Maureen Boardman, MSN, FNP-C, FAANP
 - **Primary Objective:** To assess the feasibility and acceptability among patients and clinicians of the expanded age range of the HPV vaccine as well as the effect of insurance coverage for the expanded age range and shared decision-making among the expanded age group
 - **Study Population:** Adult patients aged 27-45 years from two Federally Qualified Health Centers and clinicians at all Federally Qualified Health Centers across New Hampshire and Vermont

- **Current State:** Data collection has not yet begun on this project, but it is looking promising that surveys will be distributed within the coming week
- Overcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Rural Northern New England for Adults
 - **Project Director:** Maureen Boardman, MSN, FNP-C, FAANP
 - **Primary Objective:** We aim to better understand factors contributing to COVID19 vaccine hesitancy among primary care patients in northern New England and current strategies employed by primary care providers to communicate information about the COVID-19 vaccine to their patients
 - **Study population:** Adult patients aged 25-65 years who are vaccine/booster hesitant as well as primary care providers in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine
 - **Current State:** The project has made great headway and looks to keep the momentum going, clinic sites have received materials for survey distribution, and data collection will begin shortly
- The Cover Health Care Workers Project: COVID-19 Protection to Ensure Resilient Health Care Workers - A collaboration between the Clinical Directors Network (CDN) Inc, Rand Corporation, and the Dartmouth NNE CO-OP
 - **Project Directors:** Andrea Cassells, MPH, The Clinical Directors Network and Maureen Boardman, MSN, FNP-C, FAANP, The Dartmouth CO-OP
 - **Primary Objective:** The goal is to conduct stress first aid training with a practice site champion, then followed by training for any staff who is patient-facing.
 - **Study Population:** Patient-facing staff at two Rural Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to take part in their study regarding stress first aid for patient-facing employees. Lamoille Health Partners and Little Rivers Health Care have agreed to participate.
 - **Current State:** Currently the early intervention group, Lamoille Health Partners, has received their training in November 2021 and is concluding shortly. The late intervention group, Little Rivers Health Care, is slated to begin training in April-May 2022

Upcoming Research Project Proposals:

- AHRQ Patient Safety Learning Lab proposal- A Collaboration Between Northeastern University and the Dartmouth NNE CO-OP *in proposal*
 - **Project Directors:** Neil Korsen, MD, MS, MaineHealth, and Charles MacLean, MD, University of Vermont Medical Center

- **Primary Objective:** Documenting the inefficiencies in practices that lead to burden and burnout for providers and staff and gaps in care and other safety concerns for patients
- **Study Population:** There will be lots of opportunities for participation by CO-OP practices in this project. If this sounds interesting and you want to hear more about the project as it develops, please contact DartmouthCO-OPNNEPBRN@Hitchcock.org
- **Current State:** Several CO-OP members are working on a proposal to fund an AHRQ Patient Safety Learning Lab focused on rural primary care. These grants require a partnership between healthcare organizations and Systems Engineering. The CO-OP will partner with Jim Benneyan, the director of the Health Systems Engineering Institute at Northeastern University. Jim has been a successful collaborator on 4 of these grants in the past and has worked with researchers at MaineHealth in the past as well.



Our staffing capacity has updated a little over the past few months, so we thought it prudent to be transparent with our internal structure to our CO-OP Members.

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Our Board of Governors is growing! Three newly appointed members will be joining the Board in the months to come. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jessica Bloom-Foster, MD, FAAFP, Director of Clinical Research and Chief of Family Medicine at Northern Light Health Eastern Maine Medical Center, has accepted her position and will be joining the Board to represent Maine. Dr. Joseph DeKay, DO, at the Sacopee Valley Health Center, has accepted a position and will be joining the Board to represent Maine as well. Our third Board member is, Dr. Karl Dietrich, MD, MPH, Program Director of Cheshire Medical Center and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Family Medicine Residency, who will represent New Hampshire. We are excited by the prospects of these new Governors and the passion they have for the future of the Dartmouth CO-OP.

We would like to thank Deborah Johnson, MHA, Peter Mason, MD, and Jack Kirk, MD, for their dedication and time to the Dartmouth CO-OP by awarding them Emeritus status on our board. With this, we look forward to their continued connection with the CO-OP and hope they enjoy more CO-OP Annual Meetings. We wish them luck in their future adventures.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Elisabeth B. Wilson, MD, MPH, MS-HPed, chair, and professor of the Department of Community and Family Medicine for Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health and Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine. Dr. Wilson began her role in the department in March and will succeed Cathleen Morrow, MD as chair. Many of you may know Dr. Wilson from her time as chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Maine Medical Center and she is



excited to see many familiar faces within the CO-OP. Dr. Wilson is eager to dive into the work that the CO-OP does and sees many opportunities to expand the CO-OP.



Want to present your research? Our directors are presenting at NAPCRG PBRN and AAMFP! Check out their accepted presentations for the NAPCRG 2022 PBRN Conference June 2-3, 2022 in Bethesda, Maryland below:

- *Overcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Rural Northern New England for Adults* by Maureen Boardman **(Presenter)**. Dorothy Barker, Zoe Daudier
- *Clinician & Patient Utilization of Expanded Age Range for the HPV Vaccine and Shared-Decision Making* by Maureen Boardman **(Presenter)**. Dorothy Barker, Kristen Bigelow-Talbert
- Neil Korsen, MD, MS

Why not join our CO-OP leadership and members in meeting with other clinicians and professionals within the field by attending one of the numerous upcoming conferences.

- [The Political Determinants of Health: Policies to Advance the Health & Economic Prosperity of NH Communities](#), beginning March 9, 2022, Sessions held every other Wednesday from 8:15-9:00 AM EST, [REGISTER NOW](#)
- [New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association Conference](#), April 5-7, 2022, Bretton Woods, NH
- [36th Annual Schumann Lecture on Climate Change and Health Equity](#), April 6, 2022, 5 PM EST, Virtual
- [Climate & Health ECHO Project: Towards Climate-Informed Care & Advocacy](#), beginning April 27, 2022, Sessions held every other Wednesday from 12:00-1:00 PM EST, [REGISTER NOW](#)

- [New England Regional Healthcare Risk Management Conference](#), May 1, 2022, Groton, CT
- [New England MGMA Regional Conference](#), May 3-5, 2022, Bretton Woods, NH
- [NAPCRG 2022 PBRN Conference](#) June 2-3, 2022 in Bethesda, Maryland
- [Maine Geriatrics Conference](#), June 9-10, 2022, Bar Harbor, ME *Early Bird Deadline April 29th*
- [Women in Medicine](#), June 9-12, 2022, Provincetown, MA *Abstract Deadline June 5th*
- [International Conference on Physician Health](#), Oct 13-15, 2022, Orlando, FL
- [American Public Health Association 105th Anniversary](#), November 6-9, 2022 Boston, MA *Abstract Deadline April 30th*
- [Association of Medical Colleges](#), November 11-15, 2022; Nashville, TN
- [50th NAPCRG Annual Meeting](#), November 18-22, 2022 in Phoenix, Arizona



Please be on the lookout for the many changes coming to our website:

We are in the process of redesigning our [website](#) content to include a new Chartlink for centralizing the purchase of our Dartmouth CO-OP charts, a Research Publication Archive, as well as a new CO-OP PBRN Practice Site Map. We've already established a new Publications (RSS Feed at the bottom of the page) page which you can visit now at <https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/dcpbrn/publications/>

New Communications:

We will be launching additional monthly newsletters, and plan to launch a Year in Summary Report in keeping with the transparency of the CO-OP's work to our members.

2023 Annual Meeting:

We've already begun our planning phase for our 43rd annual meeting! We hope to have this meeting be an in-person meeting with a couple of virtual options. As has been the norm in the past couple of years, we will be watching COVID-19 numbers and planning accordingly.

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