



Northern New England Practice Transformation Network Recognizes Leading Medical Practices During Together Towards Tomorrow – Exceeding the Vision

AUGUSTA, Maine (October 26, 2018) -- The Northern New England Practice Transformation Network, a four-year initiative designed to help clinicians achieve large-scale health transformation funded by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and led by [Maine Quality Counts](#), held a celebration this fall at the Frontier in Brunswick, Maine. The event recognized the accomplishments of the leading medical practices enrolled in the Northern New England Practice Transformation Network (NNE-PTN) – cited by CMS as one of the most successful PTNs in the country.

The NNE-PTN works with more than 2,300 healthcare providers across Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont to help practices achieve the “Quadruple Aim” in care delivery of healthier people, better patient care, smarter spending, and increased joy in work, while decreasing inappropriate utilization of tests and procedures and reducing the burden for providers and their teams. The NNE-PTN’s cost savings goal to payers was \$86M by September 2019; cost savings to-date are \$92M.

The celebratory event included an awards ceremony and a guest keynote speaker followed by a panel discussion. The medical practices who received an award for their outstanding transformation to date are:

- Mid Coast Hospital
- Calais Regional Hospital
- Sweetser
- Spurwink
- Health Affiliates Maine
- Crisis & Counseling Centers
- Maine Family Planning
- Community Health and Counseling Services
- Tri-County Mental Health Services
- Redington Fairview General Hospital

Keynote speaker, George DeGrosso, a national behavioral health expert, offered strategies on how practices can thrive as a business and assess their “risk” when participating in a value-based payment model.

A panel discussion featured: Barbara Crowley, Chief Transformation Officer at MaineGeneral Health; Jamie Boyington-Rogers, Director of Community Care Services and Behavioral Health, Beacon Health; and Theresa Knowles, Vice President of Quality Improvement at Penobscot Community Health Center. The panelist discussion highlighted the value of participating in a commercial, Medicare, and/or Medicaid Alternative Payment Model or Advanced Alternative Payment Model.

[Link to Event Photos:](#)

About Maine Quality Counts:

Maine Quality Counts is a regional healthcare improvement collaborative and leads the Northern New England Practice Transformation Network and many other initiatives in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, including programs that address the opioid epidemic.

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