

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

KEYS TO SUCCESS: Collaboration and creative problem solving

he year 2016 launched us into our second decade serving the uninsured and underserved residents of King, Kitsap and Snohomish counties. While the national health care debate rages on, we are focusing on simple, innovative solutions that remove barriers to care for our patients and deliver measurable results for our health care partners. We are building on the vision of our founders and embracing new opportunities to collaborate and serve emerging needs.

We continued to offer our core Care Coordination Program in three counties, helped low-income Washington residents to acquire private health insurance through our Premium Assistance Program, connected emergency room and hospital patients to



New executive director Gary Renville has worked closely with retiring Sallie Neillie to ensure a smooth transition.

health care homes through our **Primary Link Program, and** laid the groundwork for our new Health Home Program, which provides intensive, home-based, care coordination services for individuals with one or more chronic conditions. With the support of 1,640 volunteer providers, we served 6,304 patients in 2016 alone, bringing our total to almost 40,000!



Chrissy Yamada, **BOARD PRESIDENT**

As this report goes to press, our organization is undergoing a leadership transition, as founding executive director Sallie Neillie retires and Gary Renville takes the helm. With her careful planning and collaboration with Gary, we anticipate a smooth transition. Thank you, Sallie!

Thank you also to all who support and partner with Project Access Northwest. Your investment in our mission has improved the lives of thousands of patients and helped to build a healthier community. Working together, we are truly making a difference.

BOARD PRESIDENT

Christy Gamada

Producing measurable results

Study reveals powerful impact of simple patient interventions

he encouraging results are in from our **Primary Link** pilot project with five of the Swedish Emergency Departments. The project targeted Apple Health (Medicaid) and uninsured Swedish Medical Center emergency department (ED) users who had health care needs that could be appropriately addressed in primary care. Primary Link staff connected these patients to a primary care provider in one of the community health centers and provided other resources depending on the stated needs of the patients.

The study assessed whether there were reductions in ED use resulting from the Primary Link program. We used a comparison group of patients who met the criteria for being contacted by the

program, but were not contacted due to program capacity.

While there was little or no change in ED visits in the Primary Link-contacted groups, there were significant increases in the comparison group. The Primary Link program appears to have prevented an increase in ED visits that would have occurred in the absence of the program.

Translating the reduction in ED visits into cost savings showed that \$284,000* was saved in avoided visits in the six months following our intervention, for Molina Healthcare patients alone. We thank Molina and Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute for partnering with us in the research part of this effort.

* commercial insurance rates

PRIMARY LINK AT SWEDISH:		
26,738	ER discharges*	
16,385	unique patients	
6,538	outreach cases	
10,518	phone calls	
4,998	letters mailed	
933	appointments scheduled	

PRIMARY LINK AT PROVIDENCE EVERETT:			
2,709	inpatient hospital discharges*		
2,174	unique patients		
1,445	outreach cases		
433	appointments scheduled		
91%	appointments within 12 days after discharge.		

* discharges that met our program criteria

2016 AT A GLANCE: Connecting prescreened patients to caring providers



1,640Volunteer Providers

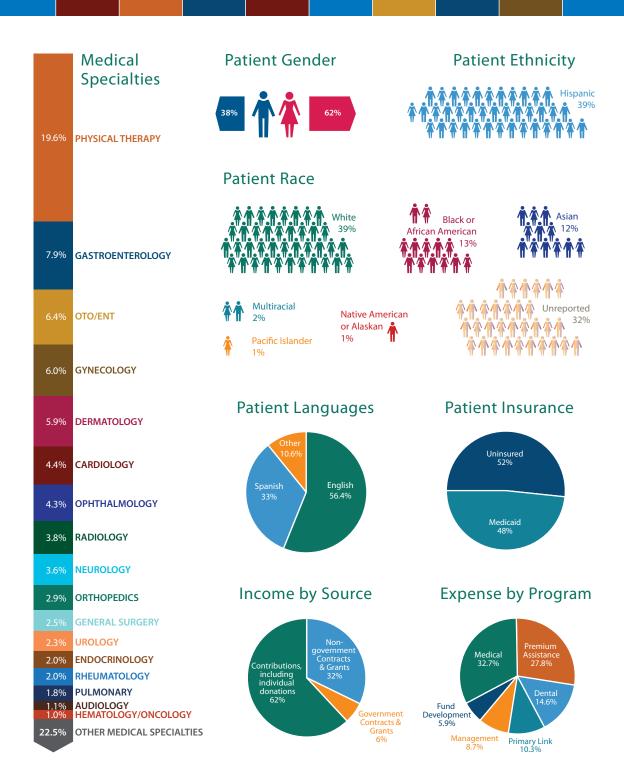


3,099
Dental Referrals



3,205
Medical Referrals

39,000 patients served



Removing barriers to care

PATIENT-CENTERED CARE: Molina Medical Group Clinic in South Everett

amily practice physician

Marcia M. Wharton, MD

understands the many
obstacles her patients must
overcome to obtain health care.

Many are low income or uninsured.

Some struggle with addiction or
mental illness. Almost all need help
navigating the system. So when
she got the chance to assist in
transforming the way health care
was delivered in Molina Medical
Group's only outpatient clinic in
this state, she jumped right in.

As associate medical director for Washington state outpatient clinics at **Molina Medical Group**, Dr. Wharton has been working with her staff and the Molina Healthcare administration to redesign the care delivery model and create a welcoming, patient-

centered health care home, with comprehensive care on site—from social work and mental health services to primary care and chronic disease management.

"We want our patients to feel that this is their medical home," explains Dr. Wharton. She hopes the clinic can eventually become a onestop shop for most patients, or at least serve as a central touch point for patients who may need support from other partner agencies.

The clinic also will be using patient navigators to meet patients where they live and try to solve their most urgent needs—which often mean the basics of survival: food, clothing and shelter.

"We will put the patient at the center of the care plan and start by identifying each person's primary



Marcia M. Wharton, MD

needs," Dr. Wharton explains. "They may need to move to permanent housing, or they may need food stamps, addiction medicine services or mental health care. They may be covered by Medicaid but not really know what that means," she adds.

"It's completely different than our traditional care model, which we know—for many patients doesn't work," she says. "We're excited to see the results!"

A POWERFUL PARTNER IN CARE: Molina Medical Group

Molina Medical Group is a critically important partner in our mission to open doors to quality health care for low-income individuals — as it both receives referrals for primary care and sends referrals for specialty care.

Through the **Hospital Inpatient Discharge Program** at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett, Project Access Northwest places many low-income uninsured and Medicaid patients who are soon to be released from inpatient care into follow-up primary care appointments within 12 days of their discharge. This program is designed to reduce the incidents of follow-up care taking place in the emergency department and to reduce the number of readmissions to the hospital for the same health issue.

Project Access Northwest also partners with Molina Medical Group by helping its patients receive specialty care services. Molina Clinic can refer patients to Project Access Northwest for care in more than **40 specialties**.

Changing lives immeasurably

WHY OUR MISSION MATTTERS: Insights from our care coordinators

Every day we have the ability to impact someone's life in a significant way... the relief they feel is palpable.

PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWESTCARE COORDINATOR

We're helping people access resources that are... basic human rights.

 PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWEST CARE COORDINATOR We're providing people with a lifeline and helping them move forward.

— PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWEST CARE COORDINATOR

I experienced a point when I had no insurance, so I know how difficult it can be.

— PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWEST CARE COORDINATOR

I am helping people not be in pain anymore.

— PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWEST

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It is important
to assist patients as
it can be confusing
to navigate the
systems.

— PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWEST

CARE COORDINATOR

We once coordinated with the Lion's Club and Pacific Medical Centers to provide a cornea transplant to a young father. When he described seeing his daughter for the first time and his overwhelming joy and excitement at seeing the world... It was incredibly humbling.

— PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWEST CARE COORDINATOR

Celebrating our partners



Retiring executive director **Sallie Neillie** and longtime supporter and former board member **Rayburn Lewis, MD** were the honored guests at our annual Celebrating our Partners event in May 2017. Dr. Lewis received the second annual *Andrea Castell Access to Health Care* award for his early and enduring support for the organization. Ms. Neillie was honored for her vision and drive in founding this organization in 2006 and for being a tireless advocate for uninsured and underserved patients.

Honoring founders, partners & visionaries who make our work possible

The Sallie Neillie Founder's Circle

Members pledge three years of financial support

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Statement of Activity				
Revenue	Dec. 31, 2016	Dec. 31, 2015		
Contributions	\$1,246,079	\$1,037,635		
In-kind contributions	6,417	19,207		
Government Contracts & Grants	126,473	168,380		
Non- Government Contracts & Grants	648,553	770,712		
Interest & Other Income	244	259		
Total Revenue and Support	\$2,027,766	\$1,996,193		
Expenses				
Salary, Wages & Benefits	\$1,180,578	\$1,077,446		
Professional Services	764,122	671,151		
Facilities	45,260	56,428		
Operations	43,226	48,483		
Other Expense	65,214	93,199		
Total Expense	\$2,098,400	\$1,946,707		
Change in Net Assets	<70,634> ¹	49,486		

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)				
Assets	Dec. 31, 2016	Dec. 31, 2015		
Current	\$1,064,376	\$1,072,184		
LT Promises to Give	14,000			
Fixed	74,688	107,714		
Total	\$1,153,064	\$1,179,898		
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Current	\$313,746	\$269,946		
Net Assets	839,318	909,952		
Total	\$1,153,064	\$1,179,898		

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to medical and dental care for low-income individuals with limited access.

Vision: Everyone in our community will have appropriate access to health care services.

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