



January 2016

Monthly Update

Adult Advisory Council – The first meeting, held on January 11, was successful and well attended. The planning for the Peds Advisory Council will begin in February.

Architecture and Design – Demolition began on Monday, January 25. The workgroup is focusing on interior design for the design development phase and several different areas of the organization (IT, Pharmacy, MSO, Facilities, Lab, etc.) to ensure that design aligns with service plans.

Care Model Design – Kicked off safety and security focused session January 25 to gather feedback and direction. There were representatives from: CATC, Providence, Portland Police Bureau, Legacy security and clinical leadership, peers, advocates and partner organizations. The Care Model Design workgroup will expand one session a month for large staff-participation and add individual staff from different disciplines to sessions on a topic-by-topic basis.

Change Management – Preparing communication plan on future changes to groups and individuals. Plan to share process and timeline for recruitment at the February 22 engagement session. There will also be an IT device fair and a review of the progress made by the architecture workgroup during that same session.

Communications, Marketing and Development – The City Club talk on January 22 with Chris Farentinos, Storm Large and Sheila Hamilton was very successful. It is posted on the Unity website (www.Unityhealthcenter.org) During the Legacy Health employee giving campaign, more than a third of employees who chose to give to Unity Center.

Community Relations – Members of the workgroup hope to begin meeting with neighborhood associations, community groups and business associations in January. Tony Melaragno spoke to the Portland Rotary on Tuesday, December 8.

Governance – Chris Farentinos, M.D. accepted the position for Unity Center vice president, with a start date of February 8.

Government Affairs – Chris Farentinos' presentation to Multnomah County Commissioners went very well. The definition of the Psychiatric Emergency Service scope rule is expected to initiate in a rules advisory council through Oregon Health Authority in mid- March.

IT and Informatics – Epic project schedule has been developed. Meetings with the build team and operational subject matter experts are scheduled February through April.

Medical Management and Admissions Criteria – The workgroup has drafted criteria for medical scope and admissions. Work will resume when the CMO is onboard.

Transitions of Care - Developing detailed work plan. Kicking off an official monthly transitions of care workgroup at the February 3 meeting.

Transportation – Working with Portland Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Ken Burns to develop training. The plan is to begin the first phase of training in February and Beta training in March. Working on discussion of transportation boundaries between various hospitals. Internal partner discussion has helped to clarify how to manage patients within Unity Center boundaries. The next focus of discussion will be the transport of patients between Unity Center collaborators.