

### Summary of 2019 Regional Natural Community of Care Convening

Attendees:

Clallam	24
Jefferson	9
Kitsap	22
Other partners	9
Total	64

The 2019 regional Natural Community of Care convening took place on June 25 at the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Red Cedar Hall. Based on initial review of evaluations by participants, the convening successfully achieved its objectives:

1. To create space for sharing knowledge in alignment with the work and goals of the collective Olympic Community of Health
2. To build and strengthen partnerships across the region
3. To learn about early successes and best practices of partner work

The day started with a warm welcome from the Jamestown S’Klallam tribe. Data focusing on 2019 targets for the region framed the networking sessions to follow. There were two networking sessions: Within sector (primary care, behavioral health, and community-based organizations & social services) and then by Natural Community of Care (Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap). Highlights of successes and challenges of transformation work from the networking sessions include:

- The successful launch of a community paramedicine program in Clallam and police navigator program in Jefferson to reduce Emergency Department visits
- Successes in broadening the Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) treatment system from an abstinence-only model to a more comprehensive approach, which has positioned the region as a leader in OUD treatment in the state
- Integration of dental services in primary care sites across the region
- Challenges in developing and attracting a workforce leading to unfilled clinical positions
- The need for better recognition of the value and services that community-based organizations and social services bring to the clinical community.

In the afternoon, three partners were invited to share success stories around PreManage implementation, LGBTQ health equity practices, and care coordination between Substance Use Disorder (SUD) counseling services and MAT prescribers. The day ended with a creative activity that gave partners an opportunity to share their vision of what success will look like in the region at the conclusion of Medicaid Transformation.

Partners stated that the convening was a “nice mix of doing, sharing, and listening,” and that it was a “well-structured and facilitated day.” Networking, collaborating, and hearing success stories were highlighted as the things people most liked about the day.

Request for topics for future convenings include more success stories, tribal presentations, deep dives into a specific project area, and discussions on sustainability. Several participants suggested shortening future convenings to half a day.

Partners noted participants missing at the convening were housing, law enforcement and the Hoh, Makah, and Quileute tribal nations.