

ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HOME HEALTH PROJECT 2014

This year, the Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation is organizing a research-based strategic planning project on the future of home health care in America. Over the course of this year and 2015, in three phases, the Alliance will release a White Paper, sponsor a public workshop with the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council (IOM/NRC), and hold a symposium on the topic in January 2015. The final deliverable will be a research-based strategic framework for the future of home health.

In keeping with the mission of the Alliance, the goal of the project is to improve understanding of how home health care is currently used, and how it will be used in the future for older and disabled Americans. The Alliance will commission research that will elucidate the role and value of home healthcare, and develop a strategic framework and plan capturing the critical role and impact of home health care with steps needed to achieve the vision of home health's role in the future of the health care system.

The White Paper was released on May 5th at a Capitol Hill Briefing and the IOM/NRC workshop will take place this fall. The day-long Alliance symposium will convene home health community leaders, patient groups, health care providers and professionals across the spectrum of care, leading researchers, thought leaders in health care, policy experts and many others. The research and strategic framework are scheduled for completion in 2015.

White Paper Release - May 2014

The Future of Home Health Care for Older Americans, a White Paper authored by the Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation, was released on May 5, 2014. The White Paper and subsequent briefing provided the public and media with the first introduction to the overall project. The White Paper discusses the value of home health care, public policies, challenges for meeting future needs, and delivery system reforms among other topics. The theme of the Hill briefing was Achieving the Triple Aim with Home Health Care. Speakers included Dr. Steven Landers, chair of the Alliance's Board, Tracey Moorhead with the Visiting Nurse Associations of America, Al Dobson with Dobson | DaVanzo Associates and Tracy Lustig of the Institute of Medicine.

IOM/NRC Workshop - Sept 30 – Oct 1, 2014

The IOM/NRC workshop will be convened on September 30 and October 1, 2014 to inform and complement the

research scheduled to be conducted in thereafter. This public workshop, organized and executed by the IOM/NRC, will be sponsored by the Alliance and other interested organizations. The workshop will gather together experts in the field of home health care and a diverse array of stakeholders in health care to discuss infrastructure, workforce policy, and research needs to support the delivery of home health care in the future.

The summary of the workshop is expected to be released in early 2015.

Future of Home Health Symposium - January 13, 2015

Scheduled for January 13, 2015, the Future of Home Health Symposium is a day-long event convening prominent stakeholders in the health care community and leaders in home health care to discuss the key delivery system reforms and emerging models of care that are harbingers of the future of home health care. Research from the project will be discussed in addition to the summary of the IOM/NRC fall workshop.