

## County Health Improvement Organizations: An Innovative Strategy to Facilitate Cross-Sector Collaboration to improve population health.

County Health Improvement Organizations are neutral conveners in which public health, mental health, and primary care clinicians can effectively collaborate. As a central component of the Oklahoma Primary Healthcare Extension System, they play a critical role in the infrastructure needed for the Triple Aim. These certified, county-level organizations offer time and resources to meet the urgent demands through the integration of sectors with funding expansion, facilitation and transitional support for research implementation, and collaborative strategic alignment. Since 2013, PHIO has certified 22 CHIOs representing one-third of the counties for projects and research, primary care advisory affiliation, and non-profit status. They are instrumental in leveraging resources and implementing quality improvement to support the County and State Health Improvement Plans and the Oklahoma State Innovation Model. This session will offer tools to effectively support community-based partnerships, methods for alignment with emerging healthcare financing models, and link the perspectives of healthcare delivery and population health.