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## 2017 achievements pave the way for a strong 2018 for CCPN

From Allen Dobson, MD, Chairman

As 2017 draws to an end, I am excited by what CCPN has accomplished over the last year and looking forward to what we can do in 2018.



During the last twelve months, CCPN has grown from just over 1,300 clinicians and 383 practices to over 2,100 clinicians and more than 650 practices.

CCPN has expanded to include OB/GYN and Behavioral Health providers. We held a very successful Inaugural Clinicians' Conference in Greensboro in May, added a Direct Primary Care plan, and joined a group vaccine purchasing agreement to better serve our clinicians.

In January we will begin our Medicare Advantage pilot in nine practices. In addition, we have signed two letters of intent with Medicaid MCOs (Managed Care Organizations).

In 2018 we will continue to add practice support and plan offerings for our clinicians and to work on the quality outcomes that will drive our success in the future.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for all of your work on behalf of CCPN this year. Because of you CCPN is ready to tackle the opportunities that lie ahead in 2018.

## Save the Date

Building on the success of the CCPN Inaugural Clinicians Conference held earlier this year, CCPN is presenting the 2nd Annual Clinicians Conference Sunday April 29 - Monday April 30, 2018 at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro.

There will be no cost to CCPN clinicians.

Registration will include one-night hotel stay, dinner, and breakfast. Application for CME credits is in progress.

Be on the lookout for an email with a registration link. For more information contact Jessica Whelan at 919-516-8121 or [jwhelan@ncaccesscare.org](mailto:jwhelan@ncaccesscare.org).

## Enroll with Evermed

Evermed DPC offers an exciting opportunity for CCPN practices to participate in Direct Primary Care, earn additional revenue and reduce administrative overhead.

If you would like to enroll with Evermed Direct Primary Care or learn more [click here](#).

# Board of Managers Update

The CCPN Board of Managers (BOM) met on November 6 and discussed a wide variety of topics.

Interest in the CCPN model for engaging independent physicians in quality driven care is continuing to grow nationally, with several states reaching out to learn more about what CCPN offers.

In addition the Board discussed how to continue to position CCPN to best meet the needs of its physicians while looking at new opportunities to grow.

The Board also unanimously accepted AccessEast's nomination of Dr. Beverly Edwards as a Manager to the CCPN Board. Dr. Edwards is an independent pediatrician from Ahoskie. The BOM will meet next in Greensboro on December 7.

## Board of Managers

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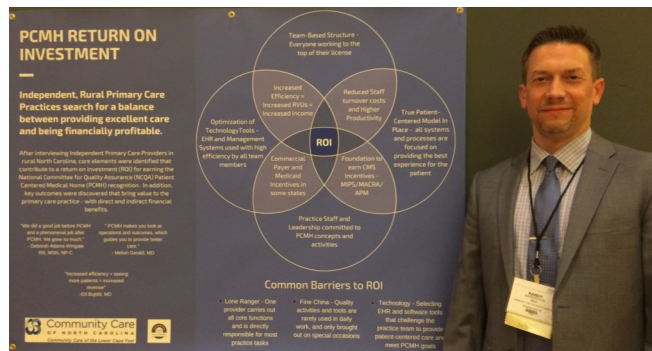
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## Rural Primary Care Practice Results Prove Investing In Quality Pays

Randy Barrington, MBA, Quality Improvement Director for CCNC of the Lower Cape Fear, presented a poster at the national NCQA PCMH in Orlando held November 3-5, 2017 (<https://www.pcmhcongress.com/>) on the Return on Investment for the NCQA PCMH Recognition in Independent, Rural Primary Care practices.



The poster shown above highlights some challenges independent, rural primary care practices find in creating and following a framework outside of NCQA PCMH that provides them the same benefits and positive outcomes that PCMH brings.

Within the CCNC of the Lower Cape Fear network, many of the practices' innovations and preparedness for value-based care have come directly or indirectly from the work the practices have done to achieve PCMH recognition.

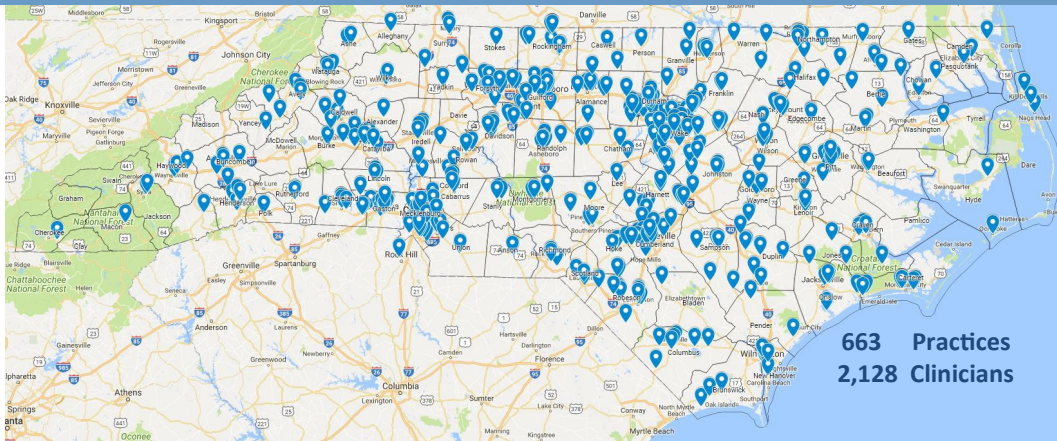
The Return on Investment calculations have taken into account the time, energy, equipment, software and other tools practices have utilized to realize direct and indirect financial benefits and positive outcomes.

One key finding is that when a team-based structure is in place that allows for everyone to work at the top of their license, staff turnover and costs associated with staff turnover decrease.

The poster also shares information on common barriers to achieving Return on Investment through the NCQA PCMH certification process. If you would like more information on this please contact Randy Barrington at [randy.barrington@carelcf.org](mailto:randy.barrington@carelcf.org).



## CCPN: Spanning North Carolina



## Welcome New Practices

Amara Wellness

Carolina Mercy Medical Clinic

Carolina Partners Center for Integrative Care

Carolina Partners Counseling Center

- Durham

- North Raleigh

- Wake Forest

Carolina Partners in Mental HealthCare

- Cary

- Central Asheville

- Chapel Hill

- Durham

- New Hope Court

- Neuropsychiatric Clinic

- Raleigh

- South Asheville

- Wake Forest

- Wellness Center

- Wilson/Wilson Psychiatric Associates

Charles L. Cooper, PhD

Steven Engel Pediatrics

## CCPN Leaders Brief Physicians At Regional Meetings

Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties (CCWJC) hosted Denise Levis Hewson at their October 25th Practice Managers Meeting and November 2nd CCWJC/CCPN Provider Meeting.

She gave each group an overview of CCPN, including participation statistics and current CCPN business solutions. In addition, Dr. Larry Mann, a CCPN Board Manager, joined the November meeting, which covered quality improvement and value-based payment transformation (PTN, Merit-based Incentive Payment System -MIPS).

The November meeting also included a discussion about behavioral health/primary care integration (including practice perspectives; lessons learned with partners such as Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and Jeffers, Mann, and Art-



**CCWJC's Cheryl Viracola (Network Pharmacy Program Manager) and Stephanie Craycroft-Andrews (Team Lead Clinical Pharmacist) provided brochures, handouts and posters for the Lock Your Meds campaign.**

man Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine); and pharmacy updates on opioid safety/overdose prevention and the NC Medicaid Preferred Drug List.

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