

RHIP Mini-Grant Final Report for Capitol Dental
“Capitol Dental Care PoC Diabetes Testing and Closed Loop Referrals”
Reviewed by the Promote Enhanced Physical Health Workgroup

Summary of Results:

- It has been widely published that periodontal therapy reduces Hba1c values by 1-2 points after 3-6 months in Diabetics whose Hba1c value is greater than 7.0.
- Capitol successfully overcame barriers noted above and has been able to generate an implementation guide for all other dental providers.
- Continued challenges have been care coordination for visits with physical health and behavioral health providers and unknown redundancies of test due to HIE/CIE barriers.
- Similarly, a platform doesn't exist for dental offices to place this information on HIE due to cost barriers that range from 10-20K per office.
- Moreover, many discussions have been had with Pacific Source medical directors and scheduling times to educate physical health providers with referring to dental health providers.
- This project has instigated my interest as a co-chair of HIE workgroup with Brian Wetter and support a singular health record system.

Quote:

“Greatly appreciate the seed investment that was provided. Since then, Capitol has provided greater than 50K in in-kind services and >300K has been committed to the purchase of additional units of the testing unit for placement in other dental offices.”