**The Washington Rural Palliative Care Initiative (WRPCI)**

**GOALS**

* Assist rural health systems and communities to integrate palliative care in multiple settings, to better serve patients with serious illness in rural communities.
* Decrease transfers to far away urban tertiary services.
* Move upstream to serve patients with serious illness earlier in their experience of illness.
* Develop primary PC in the community, linkages to specialty PC.
* Develop funding models for sustainable services

**CORE OFFERINGS FROM WRPCI & RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

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| WRPCI offerings  | Participating team responsibilities |
| **Monthly telehealth case consult,** opportunity to observe and if seeing patients, present cases. One hour per month. | Identify a **team lead** who receives communications from DOH, and other WRPCI leaders, and convenes work in your organization. |
| **Training** funded by the generosity of the Cambia Health Foundation | Offer the team lead at least **one or two team** **members** to assist the work to select and work towards your goal. |
| **Operational roundtables** where teams discuss the opportunities and challenge. | Set one or more **goals** and work towards the goals at your pace |
| **Peer mentors and mentoring calls** | If seeing patients, use the **standardized screening tool.** |
| Access to a **portal of resources** | If seeing patients, participate in our **core measure set**-this is *optional but encouraged* |
| **Training** funded by the generosity of the Cambia Health Foundation | We LOVE to see teams observe the monthly **telehealth case consults** as a prime vehicle for learning. *Not required but encouraged.* |
| Shape the initiative by attending the **Advisory team** meetings.  | Let us know what you need and what would be helpful. |

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