

Seneca Family Medicine Residency

This program will increase access to behavioral health care in a rural community through implementation of a behavioral health collaborative care model in a new family medicine residency teaching clinic in Oconee County, South Carolina. This will improve access to behavioral health care and improve health outcomes for the rural community of Oconee County via increased numbers of providers and access to behavioral healthcare training and resources for providers.

Project Aims

- Develop collaborative relationship with the Dept. of Psychiatry
- Hire behavioral health professional and arrange for psychiatric consultants to engage in collaborative care
- Develop schedule for collaborative care management visits and teleconferencing
- Conduct weekly Behavioral Health Care Manager (BHCM) coaching calls to fulfill collaborative care model requirements
- Develop curriculum for family medicine residents to interact with telehealth initiative
- Collect outcomes data for collaborative care and report quarterly
- Study curricular outcomes
- Establish clinic as a resource for community behavioral health

Successes

- 13 patients on caseload
- Telehealth is being incorporated into the Collaborative Care model.

Future Directions

Continue to offer these services to our clinic patients only. However, several resources we are offering to our patients will also be offered to patients in other community practices, including the Child & Adolescent psychiatrist who is coming out to our clinic twice monthly, a Developmental-Behavioral pediatrician who is going to be conducting telehealth visits using our clinic, and eventually an adult psychiatrist conducting telehealth as well.

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