

DASH PROJECT PROFILE

Altair Accountable Care for People with Disabilities

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN



“Our vision is to increase the number and diversity of sectors that cooperatively share data and information to address community health for people with disabilities.”

OVERVIEW

Altair, with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota as fiscal sponsor and lead member, envisions an e-Health infrastructure that fully integrates primary care (including supplemental mobile health services), behavioral health, and social services to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in the Twin Cities. The project is bringing behavioral health providers into a state certified Health Information Exchange (HIE), enabling care teams to proactively assess the behavioral health needs of people with disabilities within a Minnesota Accountable Care Organization (ACO).

PROJECT APPROACH

The Altair Accountable Care for People with Disabilities project will:

- **Leverage a state-certified HIE to share data across sectors:** Incorporating “disability-competent” behavioral health providers into the state HIE will allow access to critical information when delivering care across systems.
- **Create an interface for behavioral health providers:** Providers of behavioral health services will be able to measure and track client’s events in real-time in the HIE so that the care team is able to proactively intervene in an appropriate manner.
- **Analyze overall trends in the data:** Aggregate data will be utilized to ensure that Altair is providing the right services at the right time and to inform and improve population health initiatives for the developmentally disabled at the state level.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Target Population	People with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota
Health Objective	Improve the quality of life for people with disabilities receiving services
Geographic Scale	Metropolitan area
Sectors	Mental/behavioral health care, social/human services, information management infrastructure, public health, clinical health care
Data Types	Service (EHRs, case management)
Data Integration	Integrate primary care, behavioral health, and social services data in a state HIE
Project Expertise	e-Health planning and development

LEAD AGENCY

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is one of the state's largest nonprofit organizations and believes that all people should have the opportunity to live and work in a community with dignity, safety, and hope. They serve each of Minnesota's 87 counties in more than 300 communities. Their role in the project is to serve as the fiscal sponsor and lead member of the Altair Accountable Care Organization.

PARTNERS/COLLABORATORS

Altair Accountable Care Organization (ACO), established in 2013 as the first social service-initiated ACO in Minnesota, embraces the vision of a system that coordinates, evaluates, and plans financing for a wide range of services that impact health. Altair's role is to enhance its e-Health implementation project by integrating behavioral health providers.

Five behavioral health specialists (Bluestone Psychiatric Team, HealthStar Home Health, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Fraser Mental Health, and Mount Olivet Rolling Acres Crisis Care) are included in Altair's expansion plan and will be connected to the state HIE to facilitate the sharing of behavioral health information.

Six disability service providers (Hammer Residences, Lifeworks Disability Services, Inc., Living Well Disability Services, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, and Opportunity Partners) are participating in the Altair ACO to help coordinate care for people with developmental disabilities.

One primary care provider (Bluestone Physician Services) is participating in the Altair ACO to help coordinate care for people with developmental disabilities.

Two local public health departments (Sterns County and Dakota County Public Health) are serving as advisors to Altair and providing connections to public health initiatives at the state level.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

By notifying care teams about the behavioral health needs of people with disabilities in real time, Altair ACO can ensure that they are providing the right services at the right time. Ultimately, the project aims to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities while simultaneously reducing costs. As Altair continues to expand on their integrated delivery model, the findings and lessons for ACOs, expansion of health information exchanges, and treatment of people with disabilities can be applied throughout Minnesota and nationally.

USE CASE SUMMARY

USE CASE	ACTOR	SYSTEM	OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Care coordination/case managementEvaluation of client's service needsInform population health initiatives (Healthy People 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Primary care, behavioral health, and social service providersAltair ACOState-level stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Event notificatione-Health tools and roadmapsAnalysis of individuals through collaborative level trends (Altair)e-Health initiative reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Disability service providers address behavioral health in care plansPrimary care and behavioral health providers coordinate care for people with disabilitiesPublic health agencies analyze overall trends to inform initiatives

ABOUT DASH

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is a grantee of Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH) – a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, with direction and technical assistance provided by the Illinois Public Health Institute in partnership with the Michigan Public Health Institute. DASH aims to identify barriers, opportunities, promising practices and indicators of progress for multi-sector collaborations to connect information systems and share data for community health improvement. DASH is a partner of All In: Data for Community Health, a national network of projects with the common goal of improving multi-sector data sharing and collaboration.