Vision
The PanhandleHATS Regional Coalition’s vision is to assure continuity of health care in order to provide a seamless transition from pediatric to adult life in the Florida Panhandle with a primary focus on those with disabilities or special health care needs.

PanhandleHATS Coalition Action Plan
Updated September 23, 2013

Strategies and action steps

Objective 1.1: Identify all potential health care and support service resources related to transition and assets that serve young adults with disabilities or health care needs as a first priority.

Activity/Action Step | Responsibility | Resources/Partners Needed | Status to Date
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1.1.1 Identify existing organizations within the Panhandle region to expand Coalition and where appropriate, to invite them to become Coalition members. | HATs Coordinator and Coalition members. | CMS, Medicaid, Nemours, faith-based clinics and non-profit agencies. | In Progress. 3 to 6 months.
1.1.2 Identify existing facilities and potential new providers. | HATs Coordinator and Coalition members. | To be determined. | In Progress. 1 to 6 months.
1.1.3 Reevaluate existing facilities and potential new providers in the Bay County region. | HATs Coordinator and create a subcommittee of Coalition members. | Bay County CMS, Bay County Health Department, PanCare FQHC, 2-1-1, and others to be determined. | In Progress. 6 to 12 months.
1.1.4 Reevaluate to maintain a seamless Health Navigation Model for CMS Transition Clients to FQHC(s). | HATs Coordinator, CMS RNs/BSWs and FQHC(s) intake RN/BSW. | 2-1-1 and others to be determined. | In Progress. 1 to 3 months.

Strategic Issue: What is needed to ensure successful health care transition for Y/YA with complex health and medical needs as they move from a pediatric to adult system of care?

Objective 1.2: Encourage Pediatricians/Adult Providers in-network to adopt health transition policies in their practices.

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1.2.1 Identify how to get more adult providers participating in the community of transitioning patients that have complex care needs. | HATs Coordinator and Coalition members. | Sacred Heart’s Leadership Committee, Escambia/Santa Rosa Medical Society, Bay County Medical Society, Physician Grand Rounds. | In Progress. 1 to 12 months.
1.2.2 Create varied education program(s) on transition steps and barriers that affect providers and case managers. | HATs Coordinator and create an Education subcommittee of Coalition members. | Adult Medicine Physician(s) to serve as Chairman of the Education subcommittee, AHEC, FL HATs Coordinator, regional 2.1.1. | In Progress. 1 to 3 months.

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Objective 1.3: Identify and affect current policies of payer sources and educate them to recognize the specific issues around health transitions for the Y/YA population.

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1.3.1 Review existing information and expand awareness of new public, State, non-Beneficial funding sources and insurance coverage. | HATs Coordinator and create a subcommittee of Coalition members. (Chair by HATs Coordinator). | Sacred Heart’s leadership committee, Nemours and Florida HATs Coordinator. | In Progress. 6 to 12 months.

Barriers, Challenges and Progress

- June 2013 flood (FQHC and Esc. Health Dept.)
- State funding uncertainty for CMS
- CMS staffing transition process
- April 2014 flood (4 county impact)
  - Presidential Disaster Declaration - May 6, 2014
  - Ongoing recovery and operational displacement
- 2013 Action Plan updated for 2014/2015