



## Becoming a Teaching Health Center

Welcome to Denver

October 23-24, 2010

## EHCI History/Purpose/Progress

- Long journey by many individuals and constituencies.
- Initially an idea shared by UWFMR network and several regional Health and several regional Healthh Center leaders
- Original research done by Carl Morris, Freddy Chen led to better understanding and initiated dialogue in region
- NWRPCA, NACHC, UWSOM all joined in.
- CHAMPS invited us here for a presentation and expanded the interested group.
- AAFP endorsed the idea as well
- GWU, Fitzhugh Mullan and others, became active in legislative proposal as well.

## Bumps in the road

- Advocacy message diffuses as it widens
- Not all interested parties on the same page
- Funding for the volunteer effort runs out
- Legislators pursue a variety of direction for a variety of reasons
- Federal Health care reform happens without Senate and House reconciliation

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## Smoothing the bumps

- WAFP foundation funds local effort for several months
- NWRPCA provides infrastructure support, Webpage, etc.
- Macy Foundation funds continuation through 2010 and specifically the development of today's toolkit.

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## Future?

- A shared effort
- Hope to provide Technical assistance with the expertise gained and broader connections to experienced leaders developed over the years.
- Retain our belief that the THC as it is called in legislation has the potential to be a transforming force in graduate training of health care providers in primary care.

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## And so we begin..

- Dr. Maples

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