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 UWFM network and several regional Health and several regional Health 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, Fitzugh 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

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.
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.

And so we begin..

• Dr. Maples