



2017-2018 Project Work Plan

Focus Area 2: Characteristics and Practice Settings

- **Co-location of social workers, psychologists, and primary care providers:** Building on the successful partnerships with the University of North Carolina HWRC and the American Psychological Association in year 2, this study focuses on addressing national estimates of social workers and psychologists working in integrated primary care settings. In order to gain a more comprehensive understanding of social workers and psychologists in the integrated primary care settings, we will use a national, publicly available data set that includes social workers, psychologists, and other health providers to assess the geographic distribution of co-located providers. Using the CMS National Plan and Provider Enumeration System downloadable file, we will use geocoded data to examine the co-location of social workers and psychologists to primary care physicians and nurse practitioners. We will then examine the distribution of co-located social workers, psychologists, and primary care providers by location looking for trends by state and geographic setting including rurality, medically underserved areas and non-hospital system locations.