

Welcome to the April 1, 2021 All-Alliance Webinar

Washington State's New Health Care Cost Transparency Board: What Does It Mean For You?

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“If you do not change direction, you might end up where you are heading.” *Lao Tzu*



Today's Presentation

1. Conversation between AnnaLisa and Nancy

- Context for the Health Care Cost Transparency Board (HCCTB)
- Washington's structure and approach to this work
- Data and its use
- Driving action through the HCCTB

2. Panelist response and conversation

3. Action steps you can take



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**Health Care Cost
Transparency Board**



HB 2547

- Establishes Health Care Cost Transparency Board
 - Governor appointed
 - Caucus nominees
- Annually calculate Total Health Care Expenditures (THCE) and health care cost growth by:
 - Statewide and by geographic rating area
 - By market segment
 - Per capita
 - Other recommended categories
 - For each health care provider or provider system and payer (factoring health status, utilization, intensity, regional difference on input prices)
- Set benchmark
- Analyze cost drivers
- Report to the Legislature on THCE, Cost Benchmark, and Performance (August 2021 and beyond)

State Efforts

	Est.	Formula	Benchmark	Year
Massachusetts	2012	Growth rate of PGSP (PGSP)	3.6%	2013-17
		PGSP - .5%	3.1% (2018)	2018-22
		PGSP	TBD	2023 and beyond
Delaware	2018		3.8%	2019
			3.5% + .5%	2020
			3.25% + .25%	2021
			3.0% + 0%	2022
			3.0% + 0%	2023
Rhode Island	2019	Per Capita GSP	3.2%	2019-22
				2020
Oregon	2019	Historic GSP	3.4%	2021-5
			3.0%	2026-30
Connecticut	2020		TBD	2021-2025
Washington	2020		TBD	2022

Required Board Actions

1. Establish a health care cost growth **benchmark**.
2. Appoint **2 required advisory committees** to provide input to the Board.
3. Analyze **total health care expenditures**.
4. Identify **trends** in health care cost growth.
5. Identify **entities that exceed** the health care cost growth benchmark.
6. **Report** to the Legislature, including policy recommendations.

Board Members

Sue Birch, Director, HCA (chair)

Lois Cook, owner/operator, America's Phone Guys

John Doyle, CFO, Starr Ranch Growers

Bianca Frogner PhD, Director, Center for Health Workforce Studies, UW

Sonja Kellen, Senior Director, Global Health and Wellness, Microsoft

Pam MacEwan, CEO, WAHBE

Molly Nollette, Deputy Commissioner for Rates and Forms, OIC

Mark Siegel, Director, Employee Benefits, Costco

Margaret Stanley

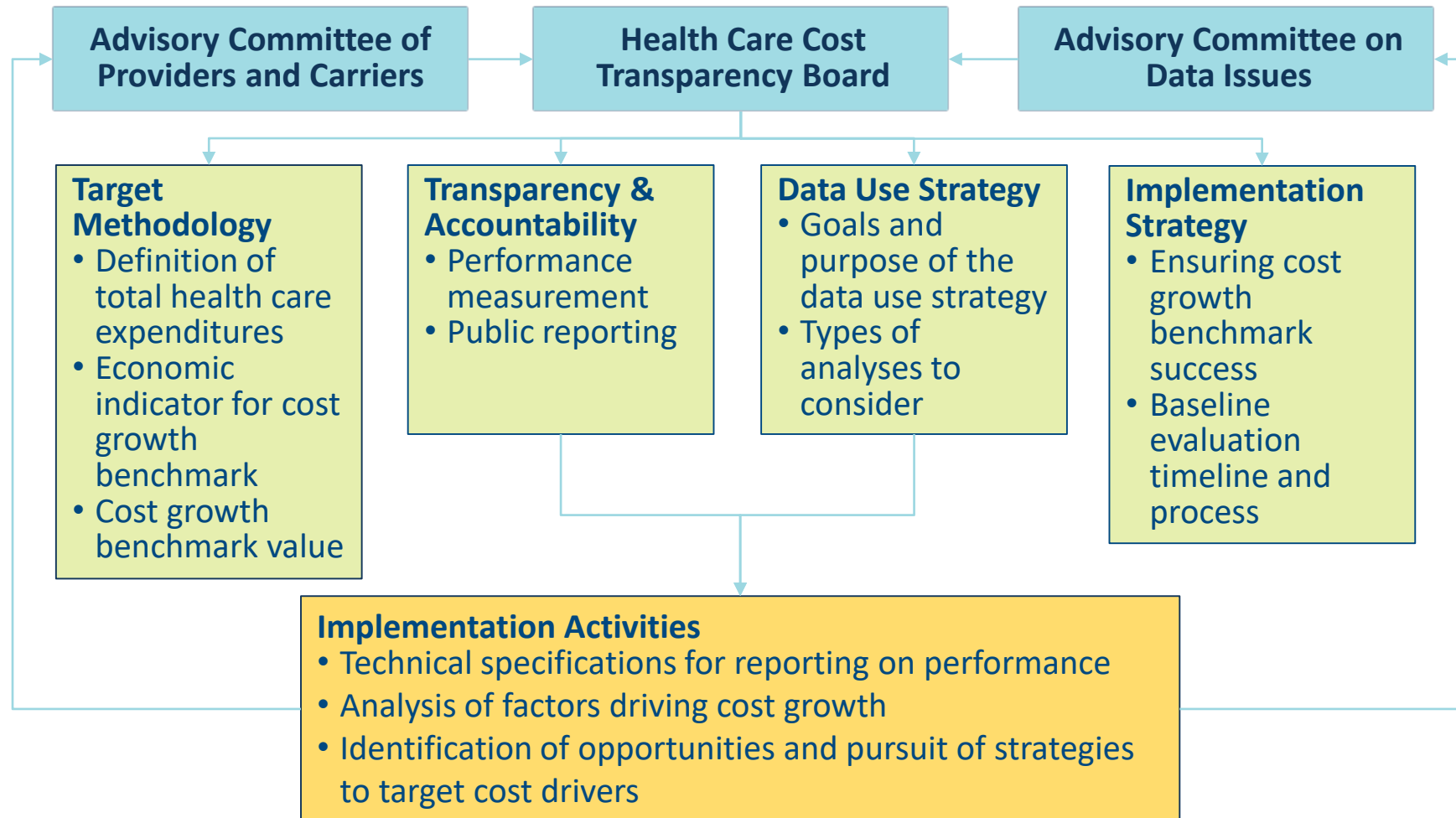
Kim Wallace, Medical Administrator, L&I

Carol Wilmes, Director, Member Pooling Programs, Assoc. of WA Cities

Edwin Wong PhD, Research Associate Professor, UW

Laura Kate Zaichkin, Director, Health Plan Performance, SEIU 775 Benefits Group

Organization



Major Events 2021

April	Appoint Advisory Committee of Providers and Carriers
May	First P&C Advisory Committee Meeting
June	Preliminary recommendation on benchmark methodology First Data Advisory Committee meeting
July	Preliminary recommendations on performance assessment
Sept	Data Use strategy discussion (Identifying Cost Drivers)
Nov	Develop implementation strategy, baseline evaluation timeline
Dec	Review of final recommendations

2022 and Beyond

January-

March Development of data manual

June Call for data (2019-2020-2021) to establish baseline THCE

2023 Call for data (2022) permits comparison to baseline

Key Design Considerations

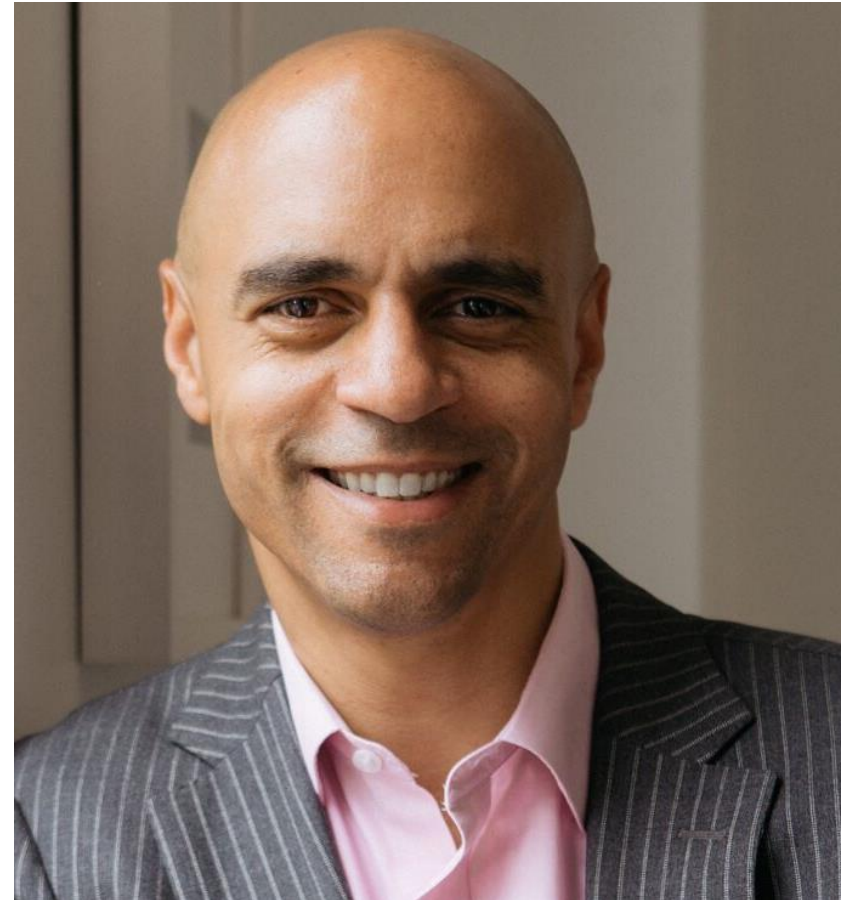
1. Defining total health care expenditures
 - What types of spending should be included?
 - What sources of coverage are included?
 - Include residents only or include non-residents covered by employers in the state?
2. Establishing the benchmark methodology
 - How to identify the benchmark value?
 - How often should the benchmark be modified?
3. Measuring performance
 - Whose performance should be assessed?
 - What are the criteria for reporting payer and provider performance?

Welcoming our Distinguished Panelists

Dr. David J. Carlson
Chief Physician Officer
Senior VP Provider Enterprise
MultiCare Health System



Jaja Okigwe
Chief Executive Officer
First Choice Health



Jim Zimmerman
Chief Operating Officer
Elson S. Floyd College of
Medicine



Action Steps You Can Take

1. Follow the HCCTB's progress on HCA's website and register for updates
2. Attend meetings
3. Provide feedback to board members
4. Reach out to AnnaLisa directly
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Health Care Cost Transparency Board

Washingtonians are paying more and more for their health care. Rising health care prices also affect how health care plans (payers) pay providers. The Health Care Cost Transparency Board was signed into law by Governor [House Bill 2957 \(2\)](#), with the purpose of reducing health care cost growth and increasing price transparency.

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- Board members
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Upcoming meetings and materials

Date and time	Location	Materials
Monday, March 15, 2021 2-4 p.m.	The meeting was held via Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• View the board book (03/15/2021), which includes the agenda, presentations, and more• Read the meeting summary (03/15/2021)
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10 a.m.-noon	Th	he
Thursday, May 13, 2021 9-11 a.m.	Th	he
Wednesday, June	Th	

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10:00 am - 11:30 am PT

