

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: **Health Economics Committee**

Recent Meeting Date(s): **December 14, 2017**

Achievements/Decisions:

- The HEC will meet six times in 2018: February, April, June, August, October, and November
- David LaMarche was introduced as the HEC nominee from Eastside Health Network (EHN). EHN will represent both EvergreenHealth and Overlake Medical Center. He would replace both Tom Martin and Richard Bryan. After the meeting, members voted to support David's nomination.
- The committee heard about the latest RWJF grant to the Alliance, via NRHI, for continued work related to their national *Total Cost of Care* initiative.
- Susie Dade gave a preliminary review of results from Milliman's Health Waste Calculator. Members contributed ideas for messaging and use of the results.
- Members saw a live demo of the interactive highlights for the latest opioid results. Similar pages will be released over the coming weeks for other *Different Regions, Different Care* topics.
- Members explored Maryland's use of the PROMETHEUS episode grouper to illustrate price and quality variation for inpatient surgeries; they discussed the advantages of a cost measure that laypeople also value as a quality indicator.
- Members heard a recap of a method proposed by an HEC subgroup to add reasonable allowed amounts to HMO encounter records submitted to the Alliance.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- There were no significant issues, risks, or concerns related to the above topics.

Upcoming Activities:

- Adam Jonas, MD, will be introduced at the February 8th meeting as the HEC nominee from Kaiser (to replace Mark Mora, MD)