

## Meeting Summary

Thursday, December 8, 2022 (Meeting held virtually)

**Members Present:** Rick Hourigan, Cigna (Vice-Chair)  
Mary Anderson, The Polyclinic  
Edwin Carmack, Confluence  
Kavita Chawla, Virginia Mason  
Frances Gough, Molina Healthcare  
Jennifer Graves, KP NW and KPWA  
Kim Herner, UW Valley Medical Center  
Matt Jaffy, UW Neighborhood Clinics  
Dan Lessler, Comagine  
Cat Mazzawy, WSHA  
Komal Patil-Sisodia, Evergreen  
Wayne Rawlins, WellSpark Health  
Paul Sherman, Community Health Plan of Washington  
Judy Zerzan-Thul, HCA

**Guests:** Corinne Piazza, Merck

**Staff Present:** Drew Oliveira, Adria Moskowitz, Teresa Battels, Sharon Eloranta, Mark Pregler, Jim Andrianos

### Introductions, approval of meeting minutes

Members introduced themselves and we welcomed our guests; reviewed agenda.

### Actions

The QIC meeting summary from October 2022 was approved with no changes. New members, Drs. Nicole Saint Clair and Pam Sheffield, were approved for membership.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: building our culture

Sharon gave a brief overview of the new, WHA-wide convening initiative re DEI. This initiative, which has sponsorship funding (but more funding is sought), will follow the release of the ADI data and will include a one-hour All Alliance meeting followed by a three-hour members-only action-planning session to follow in 2023.

Re: quick wins, we still need to pursue best practices on PHQ-9 screenings.

### **Committee guidance on use cases dependent on spending driver transparency**

Jim Andrianos engaged the group in a discussion regarding provider use cases for adding utilization and price information to the TCOC data. Responses were limited, with most members viewing the data from the clinician point of view; e.g., interest in knowing utilization patterns in the clinical setting but not necessarily associated with TCOC. Dan Lessler pointed out that we should tie TCOC to outcomes, citing the work of Uwe Reinhardt. There was interest in knowing what the payer group said regarding this issue.

Comments included "Maximizing access, system integrity, risk adjustment coding and quality, minimizing waste - I think this is what we are all focused on as provider groups already. I supposed these granular details from TCOC may help us focus which area to add resources?" and "From a health plan perspective, what we can share with providers and what may be impactful, are trends in utilization. Whether ER, OP facility, etc, and what those key drivers are. i.e. non emergent ED in the example of ED utilization. This is actionable data shared with individual health systems."

### **CHL metric next steps/Well Child Care Driver Diagram work**

The group recommended that we would have a better outcome if we do this in an extended (three hour) meeting, in-person with a virtual option, for our February session. This was quickly agreed upon by all, and the meeting has been scheduled on 2/2/23 from 1-4 pm at the Alliance offices and with Zoom info (calendar invites have been sent as of this writing). We should incorporate patient-generated input and known best practices as we work through this process. Communication is seen as a critical driver.

### **Open Information Exchange/Journal Club**

The group discussed the article "My Right Knee" by Don Berwick. Members found the article inspirational and also timely – even though it was written in 2003. The no-needless items listed still ring true to most. We also discussed the idea of curating a list of upcoming QI events that could be listed at the end of the meeting agendas.

The meeting was then adjourned by Rick.

**2023 meeting dates: 2:00 – 4:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every other month (February is the exception). Note that all meetings will have an in person as well as Zoom option unless otherwise indicated.**

- February 2 (three hours: 1-4 pm)
- April 13

## Quality Improvement Committee (QIC)



- June 8
- August 10 (may need to be moved or canceled due to Sharon's PTO)
- October 12
- December 14

