

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): August 8, 2019

Achievements/Decisions:

- Membership changes: Claudia Sanders (WSHA) will soon be retiring; Ian Randall (WA Assoc. for Community Health) and Sandy Melzer, MD (Seattle Children's Hospital) are resigning.
- Guests attending who have interest in joining the HEC included James (Jay) Cook, MD (Providence), and Mark Barnhart (Proliance Surgeons)
- Members heard details about two price-related reports the Alliance plans to propose to the Board's Pricing Subcommittee for Q4 production. It was also noted that Medicaid MCOs would soon be including financial information in their data submissions to the Alliance.
- Members received and discussed an in-depth review of topics and issues being explored by the Composite (measure) Work Group.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- Members reacted to ongoing work to develop a composite performance statistic:
 - Although already designated a primary audience, purchasers were noted to be especially important beneficiaries of this work.
 - Display of underlying measure results alongside composite scores was seen as essential, particularly for medical groups to target improvement efforts.
 - There is emerging support for domain-level weighting (as opposed to weights for each underlying measure). Domain weighting should not be driven by the number of measures grouped to a particular domain.
 - Members anticipated next questions for Composite Work Group such as handling of missing results and small sample sizes.
 - Some members had questions about existing attribution methods. The Alliance documents methodological details here:
 - <https://www.wacommunitycheckup.org/media/1298/community-checkup-attribution-methodology.pdf>

Upcoming Activities:

- Members will vote on extending committee membership to Deb Profant (Jazz Pharmaceuticals).
- HEC will receive another detailed update of the Composite Work Group's progress on October 10th.