

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): October 10, 2019

Achievements/Decisions:

- Nancy Giunto briefed the committee on the Alliance being selected the Apparently Successful Bidder for Lead Organization of the WA-APCD, and responded to members' questions.
- Members voted to recommend committee membership to Deb Profant (Jazz Pharmaceuticals).
- Members critiqued a National Bureau of Economic Research study suggesting that when physicians are patients, they fail to obtain recommended care almost as often as non-physician patients.
- Members received and discussed a second in-depth review of topics and issues being explored by the composite measure work group.
- Members heard details about three reports containing price information to be recommended to the Board by the Pricing Subcommittee on October 22. Also reviewed were specifics of new elements in the next Health Waste Calculator report.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- Members addressed the ongoing work to develop a composite performance statistic with suggestions such as:
 - Check that z-scoring adequately standardizes results when measures have lower sample sizes.
 - Prepare a dry run of results to check for overall face validity under whichever method is chosen.

Upcoming Activities:

- HEC will receive another detailed update of the composite measure work group's progress at their next meeting.