

Committee meeting notes

Committee Name: Health Economics Committee

Recent Meeting Date(s): January 16, 2020

Achievements/Decisions:

- Members called attention to several studies and industry developments that bear watching in 2020.
- Members received and discussed an in-depth review of the latest Health Waste Calculator report, organized by medical group.
- Members saw an example of how the Alliance might examine price and volume data for evidence for/against cost-shifting in our state, and discussed the pros and cons of doing so.
- Members were brought up to date on topics/issues being explored by the work group proposing a composite measure of quality using Community Checkup results.

Issues/Risks/Concerns:

- Views differed concerning analyses to substantiate/refute the cost-shift assertion, from concerns of disruptive consequences to suggestions to take up the issue with requisite caution.

Upcoming Activities:

- Updates of the composite measure work group's progress will continue to keep HEC apprised of the emerging method.
- Members will vote on nominees to replace retiring representatives from University of Washington and King County.