

Meeting Summary

Thursday, August 12, 2021 (Meeting held virtually)

Members Present: Cat Mazzawy (for Darcy Jaffe), Washington State Hospital Association
Drew Oliveira, Regence BlueShield
Edwin Carmack, Confluence Health
Frances Gough, Molina Health Care
Hugh Straley, The Robert Bree Collaborative
Jessica Schlicher, CHI Franciscan Health
John Vassall, Comagine Health
Kavita Chawla, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health
Kim Herner, Valley Medical Center
Komal Patil-Sisodia, Evergreen Health
Leong Koh, Kaiser Permanente Northwest
Lydia Bartholomew, Aetna
Mary Anderson, The Polyclinic
Matt Jaffy, UW Neighborhood Clinics
Mike Myint, Multicare
Nancy Fisher, Region 8, 9 & 10, CMS
Patricia Auerbach (for Dan Kent), United Healthcare
Paul Sherman, Community Health Plan of Washington
Rick Hourigan, CIGNA
Sharon Eloranta, Vera Whole Health
Steve Jacobson, Premera

Members Absent: Charles Peterson, Proliance Surgeons
John Robinson, First Choice
Judy Zerzan-Thul, HCA
Julie Stroud, Northwest Physicians Network/The Everett Clinic

Guests: Amy Florence, Premera; Dan Monahan, Novartis; Diane Halo, Greater Columbia ACH; Karrie Baker, Premera; Marnee Iseman, Moss Adams; Rana Amini, ICHS

Staff Present: Leslie Bennett, Nancy Giunto, Karen Johnson, Mark Pregler, Theresa Tamura (WHA) and Jim Andrianos (WHA Consultant)

Introductions, approval of meeting minutes

Members introduced themselves and we welcomed our guests.

COVID-19 Roundtable

The planned agenda was reorganized to include an open discussion on the challenges faced by the ongoing threat of COVID-19, including the challenges of increasing vaccination rates, the

threat of the Delta variant, and the many stresses this places on the health care system, particularly from a staffing perspective. The discussion continued for the first 75 minutes of the meeting. At the urging of the committee members, the Alliance captured the important messages shared during this segment of the meeting and [published it as an open letter to the community](#).

Update from the Primary Care Measure Workgroup (Emily Transue, HCA)

Emily Transue shared an update from this workgroup that QIC learned about in its June meeting that was convened by HCA as part of its efforts to build a Multi-Payer Primary Care payment model in the state. The table below summarizes the consensus-driven recommendations that this workgroup agreed upon advancing to the Performance Measures Coordinating Committee for consideration and acceptance.

Primary Care Measure Set	Workgroup Final Decision
Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visit (WCV)	Adopted (Replaced AWC & W34)
Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0%) (CDCÑ)	Adopted
Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)	Adopted
Screening for Colorectal Cancer (COL)	Adopted
Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) (Combo 10)	Adopted
Follow-up after ED visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse of Dependence (FUA)	Adopted
Ambulatory Care - Emergency Department (ED) Visits per 1,000 (AMB) (Medicaid only)	Adopted (Formalized "Reduction in ER Utilization")
Depression Screening and Follow up for Adolescents and Adults (DSF-E): Screening sub-measure only	Adopted (Replaced Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan – NQF 0418)
Antidepressant Medication Management (AMM)	Adopted (Replaced Depression Remission & Response in Adolescents and Adults (DRR))
Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR)	Adopted
Breast Cancer Screening (BCS)	Adopted (Alternate)
Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)	Adopted (Alternate)
Removed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adolescent Well Child Visits (AWC) (12-21 years of age) (Replaced with WCV) Depression Remission and Response for Adolescents and Adults (DRR) Potentially Avoidable Use of the ER (WHA) Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan – NQF 0418) Well-Child Visits in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Years of Life (W34) (Replaced with WCV) 	Removed

Policy on Alliance Advisory Committee Work on Pricing Data

Karen Johnson reviewed the Alliance’s policy on the discussion of pricing data in its Member Advisory Committees, such as the QIC. This policy directs “committee work during which methodologies using Pricing Data are discussed and/or preliminary reports derived from Pricing Data are revealed prior to publication will occur in an Executive Session” and that “Health plan committee members affiliated with organizations not supplying Pricing Data and all guests will be excused from Executive Sessions of this nature.”

The members of the committee impacted by this policy were impacted in advance and the remainder of the QIC was held in Executive Session.

Quality Improvement Committee (QIC)



Updates on Alliance Reporting Activities (Jim Andrianos)

Jim Andrianos will provide the latest update on the Total Cost of Care and Composite Score reporting that is being undertaken as part of the Alliance's 2021 Annual Plan. As part of his presentation, Jim invited QIC members to volunteer to be part of an expert workgroup that will provide input on the financial domain as an addition to the Composite Score. Volunteers include: Drew Oliveira (Regence BlueShield), Mike Myint (Multicare), Kim Herner (UW|Valley), and Sharon Eloranta (Vera Whole Health).

What's on your minds and not on the agenda?

- Karen alerted committee members that there will be a committee survey as a way for members to provide input to the Alliance staff, including preferences for in-person vs. virtual meetings in 2022.

Future meetings in 2021 are scheduled for October 14, and December 9 from 2-4 pm. We anticipate that all meetings will be held virtually for the balance of 2021.