

Quality Improvement Committee

Thursday, September 10, 2015

MEETING SUMMARY

Committee Members Present:	Peter McGough, <i>UW Medicine (Chair)</i> Lydia Bartholomew, <i>Aetna</i> Matt Handley, <i>Group Health Cooperative</i> Bruce Gregg, <i>MultiCare Health System</i> Dan Kent, <i>Premera Blue Cross</i> Pat Kulpa, <i>Regence Blue Shield</i> Bob Mecklenburg, <i>Virginia Mason Medical Center</i> Francis Mercado, <i>Franciscan Health System</i> Terry Rogers, <i>Foundation for Health Care Quality</i> John Sobek, <i>Cigna Health Care</i> Hugh Straley, <i>The Robert Bree Collaborative</i>
Committee Members Absent:	Christopher Dale, <i>Swedish Health Services</i> Nancy Fisher, <i>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</i> Dan Lessler, <i>WA State Health Care Authority</i> Kathy Lofy, <i>WA State Department of Health</i> Scott Kronlund, <i>Northwest Physicians Network</i> Michael Tronolone, <i>The Polyclinic</i> Jonathan Sugarman, <i>Qualis Health</i>
Staff and Guests Present:	Susie Dade, <i>Washington Health Alliance</i> Nancy Giunto, <i>Washington Health Alliance</i> Teresa Litton, <i>Washington Health Alliance</i> Jim Andrianos, <i>Calculated Risk</i> Rebecca Burch, <i>WA State Health Care Authority</i> Lee Colburn, <i>UW student interning at Cigna</i> Cezanne Garcia, <i>WA State Department of Health</i> Gary Knox, <i>Rockwood Clinic</i> Shelley McDermott, <i>WA State Department of Health</i> Randal Moseley, <i>Confluence Health</i> Sue Miller, <i>Astellas</i> Stacy Steck, <i>WA State Health Care Authority</i> Lynette Wachholz, <i>The Everett Clinic</i>

INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Dr. McGough welcomed everyone and introduced three potential new QIC members: Dr. Randal Moseley, Confluence Health; Dr. Gary Knox, Rockwood Clinic; and ARNP Lynette Wachholz, Everett

Clinic. Prior to the September meeting, the QIC reviewed their resumes and electronically endorsed all three members for Board action on September 22.

QIC members reviewed and approved the May 2015 meeting summary, with a correction to Bruce Gregg's attendance by phone which was incorrectly marked absent.

- ACTION: Approval of July 2015 meeting summary

TOOL TO QUANTIFY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

The QIC discussed a prototype improvement tool that was introduced to the QIC in May 2015. The tool quantifies and helps tell a story about how quality improvement can make a difference (for example, the number of life years that could be saved if we improved the statewide rate of colon cancer screening by 5%). The statistical methods used to model the improvement tool for colon, cervical, and breast cancer screening measures were presented briefly. Following the meeting, the materials will be emailed to QIC members for a thorough review in anticipation of a full discussion and vote at the October 8 QIC meeting.

PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION HUB

The majority of the meeting involved a facilitated discussion of the Practice Transformation Hub, one of the main building blocks of Healthier Washington. The Practice Transformation Hub, being organized and coordinated by the state's Department of Health, is modeled after a "spoke and wheel" concept, where the Hub coordinates work being done across the state and support is provided at the local-level through extension agents. Approximately \$9.5 million (from the state's \$65 million State Innovation Model grant) is dedicated to the development of the Hub. The goal of the Hub is to go deep in three improvement areas, rather than being spread across a multitude of topics, which include: *improve clinical-community linkages, develop medical group readiness for value-based payment, and integration of physical and behavioral health services*. Similar listening sessions are being conducted around the state and the QIC is seen as a key conduit to health care leaders across the state.

UPCOMING QIC MEETINGS

- **October 8, 2015, 2-4pm at the Alliance**
- **December 10, 2015, 2-4pm at the Alliance**
- *Note: There is not a meeting in November*