



PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes :: December 16, 2015
CSI Basement Conference Room - Helena (and via phone)

Members Present

Dr. Rob Stenger, Chair, Partnership Health Center
Dr. Janice Gomersall, Vice-Chair, Community Physicians Group
Dr. Larry Severa, Billings Clinic
Carla Cobb, RiverStone Health
Bill Warden, Hospital Lobbyist
Erwin Austria, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
Justin Murgel, PacificSource Health Plans
Mary LeMieux, Montana Medicaid, DPHHS
Todd Harwell, Public Health and Safety Division, DPHHS
Kristen Pete, Glacier Medical Associates
Tara Callaghan, Providence Medical Group
Paula Block, Montana Primary Care Association
Lara Shadwick, Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation
Sen. Mary Caferro, State of Montana

Members Absent

Jessica Cotton, Southwest Community Health Center
Dr. Patrick Van Wyk, St. Peter's Hospital (Ad Hoc Member)

Interested Parties Present

Kelley Gobbs, Montana Medicaid
Dr. Jonathan Weisul, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management
Karen Gray-Leach, St. Vincent Physician Network
Aidan Myhre, Pfizer
Mike Foster, St. Vincent Healthcare/Montana Catholic Hospitals
Janice Mackensen, Veterans Affairs
Jody Haines, Providence Medical Group

CSI Staff Present

Catherine Wright
Christina Goe

Welcome, minutes approval, and announcements

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm. Cathy Wright conducted roll call. Christina Goe announced that Amanda Eby is now on maternity leave. Dr. Stenger called for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Severa moved to approve the November 2015 stakeholder council meeting minutes. Paula Block seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Dr. Stenger reviewed the agenda topics.

Payor Annual Report Template Review and Approval

Dr. Weisul summarized the December 10th Payor Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee made final edits to the template: clarifying language will be added to the template introduction stating that payors are not required to answer all questions. Also, it was suggested that if a payor prefers, they can simply answer a question with a statement such as “no information”. Mary Le Mieux also reminded the subcommittee about her edit requests. Cathy made the edits and circulated the final draft template to the subcommittee prior to today’s meeting.

Dr. Stenger called for a motion to approve the template. Dr. Severa moved to accept the template. Tara Callaghan seconded the motion. The Stakeholder Council voted unanimously to recommend the Payor Annual Report template to the Commissioner for approval.

Discuss the Independent Study

Dr. Stenger gave an update for the Independent Study work group. He reminded the stakeholder council this study is a statutory requirement and as an “Independent Study” needs to be authored by an external consultant or academic researcher with appropriate expertise. He prepared a memo addressing several issues. First, the funding. CSI has pursued many options for funding but, to date, no funding has been secured. There was a brief discussion about potential in-state funding sources and researchers.

Christina Goe gave background on Helena-native Christopher Whaley, a UC Berkeley PhD healthcare economist, currently a post-doctorate research fellow. He may be interested in overseeing this project. A UCB faculty member is, in fact, one of the architects of ACOs, with an interest in PCMHs. Whaley will check their resources/funding to conduct the Independent Study research. Whaley has the necessary expertise.

Next, Stenger reviewed the Proposed Content:

- Overview of program history, participants (providers and payors) and progress to date (from annual reports produced by CSI)
- Brief literature review of other PCMH programs and impacts on costs/quality
- Overview of PCMH program structure in other states as compared to Montana? – funding, payor participation, reporting requirements
- Analysis of provider/payor data submitted to CSI
- Projections of future cost/quality improvements based on current participation in the MT program and findings from the literature
- Analysis of individual MT payor data on PCMH programs, if available, (e.g. BCBS) to show cost/quality improvements that have already occurred in MT
- Recommendations for future program changes/growth?

Finally, Stenger requested more council members to join the work group. Kristen Pete, Jonathan Weisul and Erwin Austria volunteered to join the work group. They will meet in January.

Mary Caferro stressed that, per the statute, evidence of “savings generated” must be a part of the study.

Review Summary of Results from the Progress Update

Cathy provided follow-up from last month's meeting to Council members request for more information on several questions with "Other" as a response option. *Who are the "Other" payors listed by 18% of respondents? United Healthcare and What is the "Other" standardized depression screening tool for adolescents chosen by approx. 33% of clinics? PHQ-9 (if scores >4 on PHQ-2), CDi, MASC, Shedler, and Columbia Disc.* Stakeholder council members made several additional requests: what are the total patient numbers (as provided in the Progress Update)?; compare 2014 and 2015 data; fix the graphic for Question 1.

Quality Metric Rule Update

Christina Goe highlighted the amendments made to the final rule. The words "all subsequent years" were added to section 6.6.4907 (1) and (2) and wording referring to the initial report was deleted. There were no comments at the November 24 public hearing and by the December 2 deadline for comments there was only one support letter, from the Montana Medical Association. The rule was adopted as proposed and is effective December 24.

SIM Grant Update

Christina Goe announced that the SIM Council is meeting January 19, the day before the January PCMH Stakeholder Council meeting. She encouraged stakeholder council members to attend if possible because the PCMH stakeholder viewpoint is a key component in the SIM grant discussion. Christina reviewed a SIM powerpoint presented at the December 3 Healthcare Forum in Great Falls. She highlighted several points of discussion, including the SIM focus on a value-based payment model, the Governor's Council identified areas of interest such as the integration of physical and mental health treatment, Community Health Teams, and Project ECHO (a project in New Mexico involving telehealth and mental health professionals in remote rural areas that are underserved.)

Christina also reminded the council of the short timeline with the grant deadline in April.

Read the full December 3 DPHHS/SIM presentation [here](#).

Review Timeline and 2016 In-person Meeting Schedule

Cathy reported that as of today's meeting only 5 responses to the In-person meeting poll on survey Monkey. April is the preferred month for the Spring meeting (to coordinate with the MPCA meeting in Helena) and September for the Fall meeting. Paula Block will send details about the MPCA April meeting. However, it was pointed out at the meeting that both Dr. Stenger and Gommersal have a conflict (out-of-state conference) the 3rd week of September. Further discussion is needed.

Dr. Stenger began the discussion about the 2016 PCMH timeline. He noted that it would be helpful to add a column for the Bill Drafting/PCMH Reauthorization process. He asked for clarification on the timing for the bill draft, the CSI internal agenda, etc. Christina will discuss with CSI staff and follow-up in January. Council members also asked about if and when to begin the discussion about the addition of a sixth quality metric. Some thought that should begin as early as February. Bill Warden requested a follow-up report for the consumer educational materials distributed in November.

Future Meetings

The Education subcommittee will resume their monthly meetings beginning **January 6 at noon**. The Independent Study Work Group will meet in January. Date and time to be determined. The Payor and Quality Metrics subcommittee will not meet in January. And, as a reminder, all council members and interested parties are invited to attend.

The next PCMH Stakeholder Council meeting is **January 20th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the CSI office in Helena.**

No Public Comment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.