

PCMH Independent Study Work Group Meeting
January 14, 2016

Attendees

Dr. Rob Stenger, Partnership Health Center

Dr. Pat Morrow, Blue Cross Blue Shield

Kristen Pete, Glacier Medical Associates

Jonathan Weisul, Allegiance

CSI Staff

Christina Goe

The Independent Study Work Group convened their first meeting, by phone, to discuss the status of hiring a consultant, securing funding and ideas for possible content. Dr. Stenger reviewed his previously drafted Study Memo with discussion points for Funding, potential study author/s and the proposed Scope of Work. The memo will be updated as necessary and discussed at the next Stakeholder Council meeting.

Dr. Stenger also reviewed his conversation in late December with Christopher Whaley, the UC Berkeley researcher. Whaley requested access to insurer data with a PCMH designated control group.

Dr. Weisul raised concerns about whether we have thoroughly vetted Berkeley as an option. He thinks the CSI and stakeholder council needs to demonstrate an effort to vet multiple experts and possible funding sources, not just commit to Whaley/Berkeley because it may be free. To follow up on this, the group agreed that Dr. Stenger should reach out to the healthcare economist at UM BBER to determine his interest in the project and what expertise he could offer. In addition, the qualification of the UC Berkeley team will be discussed with the stakeholders, if in fact they are able to offer assistance.

Dr. Morrow mentioned the lack of data (with only 2 years of reporting available).

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4.