

PCMH Legislative Work Group
May 12, 2016

Attendees

Dr. Janice Gomersall, Community Physicians Group
Carla Cobb, RiverStone Health
Mary LeMieux, Montana Medicaid
Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS
Dr. Jonathan Weisul, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management
Erwin Austria, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
Patty Estes, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

CSI Staff

Christina Goe
Amanda Roccabruna Eby
Cathy Wright

To begin, Christina introduced Jessica Rhoades, SIM Council coordinator and Intergovernmental Relations Manager, DPHHS, as a new work group member. Also, as a reminder, legislation to remove the sunset provision from the PCMH law is part of the Commissioner's legislative agenda for 2017.

Before the meeting, CSI circulated the original CSI draft bill from 2013 and the law to the work group for their review. Work group members were asked for any comments or discussion about the law or the bill.

Dr. Weisul suggested that the council take steps to educate consumers about the PCMH program in advance of the 2017 session. Many people have asked about how many patients are in the program. Providers reminded the group that patients in a PCMH clinic are treated the same, whether or not they are covered by a PCMH payor. Therefore the number of patients impacted by coordinated care, chronic disease managements and other PCMH benefits is bigger than the PCMH attributed population to payors. CSI has this information readily available from the Progress Updates from clinics.

In preparation for the next meeting, the CSI will prepare a bill draft. The CSI will also draft Fact Sheets for new and veteran legislators, highlighting the program growth, success and future potential, plus clinic and patient perspectives. In the coming months, the CSI will also contact clinics to get their suggestions on patients who can tell their stories and provide legislative testimony for the bill hearing in 2017. The group scheduled their next meeting for **Thursday, July 14th at 12:00 pm.**