

Clinical Committee Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

- Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019
- Location: 1 Innovation Way, Newark, DE 19711
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 – The Outlook at Duncan Center, Dover

ATTENDEES

- Nancy Fan
- Alan Greenglass
- David Bercaw
- Traci Bolander (phone)
- Donna Gunkel
- Julane Miller-Armbrister
- Joseph Rubacky (phone)
- Sara Slovin
- Kathy Willey (phone)
- Megan Williams (phone)

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Primary Care: Updates and Discussion
 - a. Primary Care Collaborative Report
 - b. Primary Care Physicians in Delaware 2018 Survey
- Clinical Committee Charter and Structure
 - a. Draft Charter Proposed Changes
 - b. Steering and Advisory Committee Structure
- DCHI Board and Stakeholder Open Form
 - a. Save the Date
 - b. Goals and Logistics
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Call to Order

- November Meeting Minutes approved unanimously. Note there was no December Clinical Committee Meeting.

Primary Care: Updates and Discussion

Primary Care Collaborative Report

Discussion Points:

- Nancy provided a summary of the report. She explained that the Primary Care Collaborative mandate is for three years. They have been asked to look at areas that can increase primary care utilization.
- Payment reforms is the first, priority topic. The recommendation is to increase the total spend on primary care to 12%. It was noted that increasing the total spend does not mean increasing total health care spending, as evidenced by the benchmarks. There may need to be constraints in other areas of spending.
- The report went out later than expected. Therefore, comments and feedback were added into the appendix.
- The report is being reviewed during legislative session.
- An implementation organization is recommended. Other states have done it through an organization or legislative body.
- The collaboration and research process will continue. One of the most frequent comments was that the meetings seemed directed and not interactive. That was partly due to a short time line. Future meetings will be more interactive to determine what it will look like to increase primary care spending to 10%. The meetings are public, and the website has them posted.
- There is already tension between payers, hospitals and providers. Hopefully everyone agrees that something needs to be done and can move forward together.
- The State will need to determine workforce issues and expand value-based care.
- Joe Rubacky noted that Bayhealth is losing providers to Concierge Health Care or they're quitting or moving elsewhere. Things are not heading in the right direction. Bayhealth is in the process of starting residency programs, but they're at least 5½ years away from having any graduates.

- Kathy Willey agreed with Joe. There are a lot of PCPs talking about closing practices and moving on to something else. Something must happen or there will not be primary care offices.
- Megan Williams expressed concern around caps for hospitals. Repercussions need to be fully understood. Alan Greenglass agreed saying DCHI as a group should not endorse a cap but determine what is needed for primary care to be successful in the State.
- Sara Slovin reminded everyone that the hospitals are needed for value-based care. The health systems will need the capacity to do that.
- Alan encouraged Committee Members to review the benchmark report. There is an upcoming webinar on benchmarks for stakeholders.
- Nancy encouraged members to review SB227. If they find rates are not accurate, they should report them to DOI and MSD.
- DCHI and MSD should consider reducing the administrative burden on PCPs a strategic initiative.
- The economic health care expenditure forecast will be reviewed in 2020.

***Action Items**

- **Julane to send Alan's September presentation to the Primary Care Collaborative to all Clinical Committee members.**
- **DCHI Clinical Committee members should send all feedback on the Primary Care Collaborative Report to Julane.**
- **Alan's recommendations from his presentation and those of the Clinical Committee members will be collated into a formal Committee response and will be posted on the DCHI website.**

Primary Care Physicians in Delaware 2018 Survey

Discussion Points:

- There is a growing shortage of PCPs.
- There are a lot of issues around what they are paid and how they are paid.
- The last time this survey was completed was 2013.
- Kent County had the largest decline in PCPs, which Joe Rubacky found to be accurate.
- Many found it surprising that Kent County has the oldest practicing population and therefore most likely to retire.
- There are some recommendations on how to increase PCP numbers throughout the State, but there is not a clear path. Everyone will need to work together.

***Action Items**

- **See if Secretary Walker will brief the Committee on the survey background and demographic results (employed vs unemployed, private type, etc.). 2,000 + surveys were sent with 900 response.**
- **Committee members should send specific questions regarding the survey to Julane so that DCHI can dig deeper.**

Clinical Committee Charter and Structure

Draft Charter Proposed Changes

- The charter is being revised to reflect changes since enactment of the SIM grant, as well as anticipation of the SIM drivers ending Jan 31. The purpose and goals of the committee need to reflect the initiatives that are important moving forward past the SIM.
- The Committee received draft changes.
- The draft changes were approved unanimously with revision to the numbering format.
- The final draft will be available at the Board and Stakeholder Open Forum participants in February.

***Action Item**

- **The draft will be cleaned up and presented to the full Board.**

Steering and Advisory Committee Structure

- The Clinical Committee is restructuring to a smaller Steering Committee and an At-Large Committee.
- The Steering Committee will meet every other month. They will track current issues and trends in PC for input and develop recommendations for DE policy direction. They will facilitate cross communication and integration of efforts across and among stakeholders to advance support for PC. They will be responsible for education and dissemination of information.
- The At-Large Committee will convene as needed. They will provide broad-based input on key issues and priorities to support PC. They will inform Clinical Committee recommendations to DCHI Board, HCC and policy makers.
- Suggestions for At-Large members are needed.

- The Committee is also looking for suggestions on other organizations to collaborate with.

DCHI Board and Stakeholder Open Forum

Save the Date

- The leadership team is planning a 2019 Open Board and Stakeholder meeting. The meeting will be used as a time to reflect on progress and achievements, and to gather input on future opportunities to advance comprehensive health care reform in DE. The meeting is intended to provide a real opportunity for stakeholder input and feedback on the SIM effort and the needs going forward. The meeting should be inclusive and interactive.
- The meeting will be in place of a regularly scheduled board meeting, on the same date (February 13), but with an expanded time (1pm-5pm).
 - 56 people currently registered
 - Capacity limited to between 100-150 to facilitate small group discussions.
 - An email marketing campaign is being implemented to invite DCHI stakeholders, followed by the public

***Action Item**

- **TAPP to ensure there is a legislature email list included in the DCHI contact list to ensure legislators are kept abreast of DCHI work and events.**
- **The Committee should let Julane know if there is anything else they think should be addressed.**

OTHER BUSINESS

- Traci provided an update on the BHI work.
- HMA will provide a summary report.
- Everyone in the group has committed to continue working on BHI. They have made good headway with Medicaid commitment to opening up collaborative care codes.
- They have commitment from Medicaid and Aetna to move forward with pilot programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

Meeting Adjourned

Next Scheduled Meetings:

February 13, 2019 1:00pm – 5:00pm
The Outlook at Duncan Center
Dover, DE

March 19, 2019 5:00pm – 7:00pm
DTP
1 Innovation Way
DTP Conference Room
Newark, DE