

Clinical Committee Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

- Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019
- Location: Zoom Call
- Computer: <https://zoom.us/j/216975091>
- Phone: 1-646-558-8656
- Code: 216 975 091

ATTENDEES

- Nancy Fan
- Alan Greenglass
- Donna Gunkel
- Robert Monteleone
- Sara Slovin
- Doug Tynan
- Kathy Willey

AGENDA

- Call to order
 - a. Approval of May Minutes
- Updates
 - a. CMS Forum
 - b. 8/28 CMMI / CCHS Meeting
 - c. Workforce (Residency and SLRP)
 - d. Primary Care Collaborative
- SIM Closeout
- Discussion: Additional Members & Steering and At-Large Committees
- DCHI Updates
 - a. Board
 - b. Patient and Consumer Advisory Committee
 - c. Payment Work Group
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Call to Order

- May Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously. Note: there was no Clinical Committee Meeting held June-August.

Updates

CMS Forum

Alan provided an update on the CMS Primary Care First (PCF) Model Options Forum. Attendance was good – over 50% of registrants. CMMI representative, Gabrielle Schechter was there to present the PCF Model Options. All Delaware ACOs and CIN participated on a panel to discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with the PCF Models. Aspects of the program are still developing. There is concern that the turnaround time to respond to the RFP is inadequate. Panelists and participants were optimistic about ability of Delaware to continue to work together to advance innovation and reform in the State. CMMI's aspiration is to have this in place by January.

It was not explained how the reimbursement model would interact with the cost benchmark in the ACO. Several of the ACOs felt that there would be limited financial benefit to a participating practice.

Kathy Willey's organization, Quality Family Physicians, does plan to participate in the RFP and she felt that others she spoke with were optimistic about the model options also.

Tapp Network sent an email with follow-up questions and answers from CMMI as well as a survey regarding the event. So far, no responses have been received.

***Action Items**

- Tapp will monitor survey responses and submit any received to the DCHI Executive Committee, Clinical Committee Co-Chairs, and Payment Work Group Chair.

8/28 CMMI / CCHS Meeting

The day before the DCHI CMS PCF Model Options Forum, CCHS hosted a meeting regarding PCF/CPC+, rural health, and social determinants of health. It was not operational focused like the DCHI forum – more focus on social determinants of health. It sounds like CMS is going to roll out a rural health payment model, but there were no definitive outcomes.

The Director of CMMI, Adam Boehler, has been nominated for another position. If that move is made, that will mean more disruption at CMMI.

Workforce (Residency and SLRP)

Residency

Bayhealth is starting a residency program in 2021. They are starting with family practice then internal medicine then ER and general surgery.

Beebe and Bayhealth have both received CMS grants for \$750,000 each to explore the development of a Rural Health residency program.

State Student Loan Repayment Program

Currently Delaware only participates in a federal student loan repayment program. The Health Care Commission (HCC) proposed what a state student loan repayment program would look like. The biggest difference is that if the physician is employed in the private sector the state program will provide up to \$50,000; if the physician is employed by a health system that system is expected to provide 50% of the loan forgiveness. The HCC is exploring whether the payors would be willing to contribute something. Wayne Smith of DHA took the lead for this initiative and proposed epilogue language last legislative session. It was not included in the budget, so Senator Poore and Rep. Bentz have sponsored HB257. The bill contains the same components outlined by a stakeholders group, convened by Wayne Smith in May. DHCC has set up an advisory council, which will meet in October to finalize the details of the program.

Primary Care Collaborative (PCC)

SB116 was passed – it expanded the PCC to 17 members. The Clinical Committee drafted a letter of support. However, the Board decided to not send the letter.

9/17 Meeting Topics:

- The PCC acknowledged the PCF initiative by CMS.

- The Department of Insurance provided an update on staff for the Office of Value Based Health Care Delivery. They will be using consultants and will place an RFP in November. The Office will start work 4/1/2020.
- There was discussion of the Patient-Centered Primary Collaborative Care publication which calculated a state by state analysis of primary care spending in 29 states.
- This meeting then focused on how to define PC spend in DE to be used by the OVBHCD for data collection, analysis and monitoring

Future meeting schedule:

- 10/21 5-7pm at MSD
- 11/12 5-7pm at MSD
- 12/10 5-7pm at MSD

Nancy asked the committee members to indicate items they think should be part of future agendas. Discussion came up regarding where the data for spend is coming from. Neither the HCCD nor data directly from the payors seem sufficient. The HCCD is missing ERISA plans. Rhode Island and Oregon fully admit that their plans omit ERISA plans.

***Action Items**

- Nancy will take suggested agenda items back to PCC.
- Nancy will continue to provide PCC updates to the Committee.

SIM Closeout

DHCC will comment on the closeout of the SIM grant at the next Board meeting. All final SIM materials are on the DHCC website. The sustainability report talks about payment reform models and Healthy Communities Delaware. Almost every single white paper and resource that were part of the SIM work are posted [here](#).

Discussion: Additional Members & Steering and At-Large Committees

Discussion Items:

- It was previously suggested that a pharmacist position be added to the Steering Committee. Is that still desired?
 - Nominees are welcome.
 - Donna suggested Highmark pharmacists.
 - Nancy suggested a community-based pharmacist.
 - There was consensus around this option.

- There were not enough committee members in attendance for a vote – would need to send out a request for suggestions and vote via email.
- Is the role of the At-Large Committee still desired?
 - Not sure there is a need for this currently.

***Action Items**

- Committee Co-Chairs will request a vote on adding a community-pharmacist position to the Steering Committee.
- Committee Co-Chairs will request nominees for the pharmacist position.

DCHI Updates

Board

- By Laws:
 - Exploring implications of a change to Article II - Sole Member DHIN
 - Considering term limits
 - Considering holding the annual meeting in January instead of December
- Nominating Committee:
 - Soliciting recommendations for additional vacant positions (one practicing physician and one at-large seat)
- Communications Plan
 - Finalizing contract with Tapp Network
- Reorganization
 - Hiring for Operations Manager position
- Policy Discussion
 - Drew Wilson presented on advocacy and policy engagement options for DCHI. Board members are reviewing and voting on the option they prefer.
- Annual Initiative Proposal
 - Matt proposed that DCHI focus on an annual initiative and host a supporting event. The Board is working on hammering out what that might look like.

***Action Items**

- Tapp to share Drew's Advocacy & Policy presentation with the Clinical Committee members.

Patient and Consumer Advisory Committee

- Charter was updated and is posted on the DCHI website.
- The Committee is working on the timeframe for administering their patient/consumer survey.
- The Committee just met on the 16th and will meet again mid-October.

Payment Work Group

- Providers are continuing to work through the complexities of the data request to ensure submission of meaningful information. Data group is committed to the process and the work remains active.
- The Workgroup will make a recommendation in the near future to the board regarding the on-going structure and composition of the group

***Action Items**

- Tapp Network working on writing a VBP blog based on a NYTimes article that Alan shared. The blog will be posted on the DCHI website and shared through social.
- Tapp will share the finished blog and original article with the Clinical Committee and Payment Work Group.

Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned

Next Scheduled Meeting:

November 19, 2019 5:00pm – 7:00pm

DTP

1 Innovation Way

DTP Conference Room

Newark, DE