

Members in attendance: Dr. Werner, Dr. Darst, Dr. Carnazzo, Dr. Wergin, Dr. Knowles, Dr. Woodruff

Members not in attendance: Sen. Gloor

DHHS Staff in attendance: Pat Taft, Margaret Brockman, Susie Lyness

Approval of September 13th Meeting Minutes and Approval of Agenda

The meeting convened at 1:10 pm. The agenda and the meeting minutes were approved as written.

Staff Update

Ms. Taft informed the council that Dr. Filipi would be unable to attend the meeting today and that she would report on Blue Cross and Blue Shield updates on his behalf.

Dr. Hickey's resignation from the council has been received. His replacement is being considered by the governor, with a Hospital Administrator in mind.

Ms. Taft congratulated the Council on surviving their first year. She also indicated that the one year NASHP Technical Assistance Award ended on September 1st. NASHP will still be available as a resource through their website and publications.

Draft regulations have been developed and are in review before they go through the regulation promulgation process with hopefully a hearing in November.

All four of the final pilot candidate practices have indicated that they would like to move forward in the process. There were some discussions with Community Action Partnership regarding the payment process since they are an FQHC and receive a special encounter rate. They would receive the PMPM, but would not receive the enhanced 5% payment. They understood and noted that they were in this for the concept of medical home and to improve care in their community.

A contract was signed with TransforMED to provide technical assistance to the pilot practices. In addition, they are conducting a mini-assessment of the four final practices. They have contacted each practice and sent a questionnaire. They will collect data, assess answers, and provide a report of their findings to DHHS around October 22nd. The DHHS Medical Home review team will assess the results and make determine their recommendation on the final 2-3

practices to participate in the pilot. The review team is in the process of checking all four of the final practices licenses to make sure there are no red flags. The Council will also make recommendations at the next meeting. Vivianne Chaumont will make the final decision.

Ms. Taft informed the council that the project is moving along as planned, but at present DHHS is in discussions with CMS on how to proceed in regards to getting CMS authority and whether it will be a Medicaid State Plan Amendment or waiver. CMS is needing to spend a lot of time researching possibilities because of the unique nature of the pilot. Because of these CMS issues, Ms. Taft suggested that the orientation for the pilot participants will likely be moved from early December to sometime in January 2011.

Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Update

Dr. David Filipi was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Taft provided the following update on his behalf. They have nearly completed the linkages of office EMRs to MD Datacor. Dr. Filipi will be visiting sites to give a physician orientation over the next months. Quality awards will be given only to those providers with a generic use rate of or over 72% (state pcp average is 70.5%). They will give clinicians an “opportunities report” of their individual high classes of non-generic drugs and which of their patients are taking them. BCBS is currently generating lists of BCBSNE diabetics for each practice.

Care Coordinator Role

Dr. Terry McGeeney with TransforMed participated in a conference call with the Council. He discussed in great detail the needed qualifications and sample job description for a Nurse Care Manager – Care Coordinator. The recommendation from TransforMED was that the minimum qualifications be at an R.N. level.

TransforMED Presentation on Technical Assistance

Sheila Richmeier with TransforMED participated in a conference call with the council. She put some details with the TransforMED timeline handout that was distributed to the Council.

Discussion on Care Coordinator Parameters

The Council decided that they would adopt Dr. McGeeney’s recommendation of an RN requirement with flexibility, with an exception for an LPN with extensive experience. They also suggested connecting the job duties to enable the practice to achieve Tier 1 standards.

Elect Chair

The Chair position for the council was to be determined at this meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Woodruff moved to retain Dr. Werner as Chair for the Council. Dr. Knowles seconded. Dr. Werner accepted the nomination. Voting yes: Woodruff, Knowles, Darst, Carnazzo, Wergin.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for November 3rd. The December 1st meeting has been cancelled. The Council is looking at January 11th or 12th, or January 18th or 19th, for the participating practices' orientation, and may include a brief separate Council meeting on that date as well.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. Werner adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.