

SIM Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 13, 2015 1:00 – 3:00 PM

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Charleston

Members in Attendance:

Karen L. Bowling, Cynthia Beane, Dr. Adam Breinig, Sharon Carte, Ted Cheatham, Fred Early, Terri Giles, Dr. Rahul Gupta, Sue Johnson-Phillippe, Joseph M. Letnaunchyn and policy advisor, Mike Riley

Members Absent

Dr. James Becker

Project Management Attendees

Jeffrey Coben, Nancy Sullivan, Jeremiah Samples, Tom Gilpin, Courtney Newhouse

Guest Speaker

Ken Keller, Advisory Board Consultant and Management

Secretary Bowling welcomed and thanked everyone for being present. This was followed by introductions of new and existing committee members.

Dr. Coben introduced guest speaker Ken Keller, Vice President of the Advisory Board Consulting and Management group, specializing in value-based practices. Ken's presentation reviewed the common challenges, opportunities, and approaches taken by several states during the SIM design phase. His presentation referenced model design elements from Tennessee, Iowa, New York, and Ohio. Ken emphasized several concepts consistent throughout other state models including: the need to design, measure, and advance the plan for the model; incorporating a Health Information Technology plan; and the ability to identify, create, and maintain a founded structure throughout the entire SIM process is essential.

A question was raised regarding quality measures and metrics; how to identify which quality measures to use, how to define them, and how to utilize them across all parties/groups. Ken confirmed that this is a common challenge and that it is important to determine a set definition that will identify which quality measures to use, what exactly they entail, and utilize it uniformly across all payers and providers from the beginning.

A review and discussion of the goals and objectives submitted with the original application followed, noting that those goals were conceived well before the Steering Committee had convened. The role of the Steering Committee, in terms of the development of project aims, was discussed. An agreement was reached to adopt an approach whereby the Steering Committee will identify underlying principles/aims to drive work group agendas and activities, rather than establishing highly targeted specific aims within the Steering Committee. Several key principles were identified by the committee as significant elements necessary for inclusion in the project.

Next Steps

- The project management team will develop a draft Project Aim Statement based upon the identified key principles.
- The project management team will submit required deliverables to CMS on June 1.
- Future Meetings:
 - Wednesday June 3rd - WV Health Innovation Collaborative Meeting, Charleston
 - Monday June 15th – SIM Steering Committee Meeting, Charleston 3:00 – 5:00 PM
 - Monday July 13th SIM Steering Committee Meeting, Charleston, 3:00 – 5:00 PM