

WV Health Innovation Collaborative
Better Care Work Group
Meeting Notes
November 18, 2014

People Present: Jeremiah Samples, Jeff Wiseman, Amanda McCarty, Dan Mace, Arnie Hassen, Dave Campbell, Deb Waller, Anne Williams, Chris Zinn, Jean Kranz, Jim Kranz, Ted Cheatham, Phil Shimer, Jessica Wright, Barbara Wessels, Julie Palas

Participating by Phone: Chris Budig, Hersha Arnold Brown, Drema Mace, Alan Ducaman, Georgia Narsavage, Crystal Welch

Julie Palas, for Nancy Sullivan opened the meeting and self-introductions were made. She introduced Dave Campbell, WV Health Improvement Institute, who spoke about the CMS Transformation and Support Alignment Grant opportunities. This presentation was sent to members in advance of the meeting.

- Clinical practice leaders have already charted the pathway to practice transformation
- He shared the traditional approach and the transformed practice
- Transforming clinical practice would employ a three-prong approach to national technical assistance.
 - 1) Aligned federal and state programs with support contractor resources
 - 2) Practice Transformation Networks to provide on the group support to practices
 - 3) Support and Alignment Networks to achieve alignment with medical education, and maintenance of certification
- The technical assistance would enable large-scale transformation of more than 150,000 clinicians' practices to deliver better care and result in better health outcomes at lower costs
- Improve health outcomes for millions of Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries and other patients
- Reduce unnecessary hospitalizations for 5 million patients
- Generates \$1 to \$4 billion in savings to the federal government and commercial payers
- Sustain efficient care delivery by reducing unnecessary testing and procedures
- Build the evidence base on practice transformation so that effective solutions can be scaled
- Aligns with the criteria for innovative models set forth in the Affordable Care Act
- Support clinician practices through the five stages of practice transformation via Practice Transformation Networks, Support and Alignment Networks, and Quality Improvement Organizations
- He shared the phases of transformation and the sustainable practice redesign which is:
 - A collaborative, peer-based learning initiative
 - A learning community of practice
 - An opportunity for stronger partnerships
 - An opportunity for bidirectional learning and strengthening of healthcare policy
 - An opportunity to sustain good practice for clinicians, patients, and families
- Mr. Campbell went over the initial assessment and preventing duplication of effort.

- Practice Transformation Networks:
 - Recruiting clinician practices and building strategic partnership
 - Serving as champions for continuous improvement, culture change, and patient and family engagement
 - Facilitating improved clinical practice management
 - Using quality measures and data for improvement
 - Letter of Intent Due: November 20, 2014
 - Up to \$670 million, pending availability of funds
 - Maximum of four years
 - Estimated Award Amount: \$2 million to \$50 million
 - Estimated Award Date: May 1, 2015
 - Due Date: January 6, 2015
- Support and Alignment Networks (SAN):
 - Applicants selected as SAN cooperative agreement awardees will work to leverage their professional relationship with clinicians and their leadership position to help accelerate primary and specialist care transformation
 - They will utilize their unique and established channels with their members, consumers, and others to support action and related results from participating clinicians and their practices.
 - Letter of Intent Due: November 20, 2014
 - Up to \$30 million, pending availability of funds
 - Maximum of four years
 - Estimated Award Amount: \$1 million to \$3 million
 - Estimated Award Date: May 1, 2015
 - Due Date: January 6, 2015
- Mr. Campbell went over the alignment with the WV Health Innovation Collaborative and DHHR goals.
 - Supports practice transformation to meet the Triple Aim (Better Health, Better Care, Lower Cost)
 - Nearly 7,000 primary and specialty care providers will need to be trained and supported in practice transformation; needs to be an aligned multi-payer effort
 - Consistent with Health Homes and Medicaid HIT incentive objectives
- Mr. Campbell discussed the needed support for practice transformation
- Mr. Campbell shared with the group a practice transformation process, PCMH and Stage 2 MU, from the WV Health Improvement Institute in five phases.

Comments/Questions:

- A letter of intent can be sent by November 20; it is not binding
- We need to move forward on this.
- Doesn't matter who the applicant is as long as they coordinate and use all the stakeholders
- WV Health Improvement Institute would be great as the applicant
- All academic institutions be involved
- Multi-state applicants are favored
- Do we need to provide organizational letters of support?
- CMS expectation will be data sharing.
- How do we recruit that many providers? Is it feasible?
- We need to go big or stay at home!
- One grantee cannot have both grants.

Jeremiah Samples reported that DHHR supports this effort. He suggested having a meeting in person or by phone with all the key stakeholders. By December 1, would like to know what this is going to look like.

Mr. Campbell was thanked for sharing this opportunity with the group.

At a previous meeting, members expressed an interest in knowing the top diagnosis for healthcare spending. The results for PEIA and Medicaid were shared with the group. The information is for deliberative purposes as we look at establishing quality measures and determining the direction we would like the Work Group to take as we move forward.

- Questions regarding the diagnostic code.
- Need to drill down further – where can cost savings be involved, where the money is going and where it is being used
- A suggestion was made that we could have the folks from Truven present at one of the work group meetings.
- Leverage the data warehouse

Arnie Hassen and Amanda McCarty shared with the group a part of the WV State Health Improvement Plan. Ms. McCarty has been working with the work groups of the WVHIC to identify some priorities for the State Health Improvement Plan. The meeting of the Better Health Work Group that met earlier today made some changes in the framework. Amanda changed the framework of the priorities. Mr. Hassen went over the changes with the work group. No additional changes were needed. This will be shared with the Lower Cost Work Group at the November 19th meeting. The draft is attached for those who were not able to participate in the meeting.

The next meeting of the Better Care Work Group is scheduled for December 16, 2014, 2:00 p.m.



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