



# CHASE

Colorado Healthcare Affordability and  
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## Meeting Minutes Colorado Healthcare Affordability & Sustainability Enterprise

Via Webinar

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Tuesday, August 25, 2020; 3:00 P.M.

- Members present (on the phone and webinar): Shepard Nevel, Allison Neswood, Bob Morasko, Dr. Claire Reed, Dan Rieber, George Lyford, Janie Wade, Dr. Kimberley Jackson, Matt Colussi, Peg Burnette, Ryan Westrom, Bob Vasil and Scott Lindblom.
- Department Staff present (on the phone or webinar only): Nancy Dolson, Karola Cochran, Matt Haynes, Courtney Ronner, Riley DeValois, Cassie Geremaia, Austin Wozniak, Dan Pace, Joe Sekiya, Cynthia Miley, Jeff Wittreich, and Gina DeCrescentis.

A total of 48 people attended the meeting.

### 1. Introductions and welcome new board member, Bob Vasil, Division Reimbursement Director, HCA Healthcare

- Chair Shepard Nevel, 3:02 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. Nevel acknowledged high level of participation (we had full participation by all Board members)
- Bob Vasil introduced himself and said that he is honored to be a part of the CHASE Board.

### 2. Approve Minutes from June 23, 2020 Meeting

- Chair Shepard Nevel, 3:05 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. Burnette moved to approve meeting minutes and Neswood seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

### 3. Hospital Quality Incentive Payment (HQIP) 2021 Proposed Measures

- Presentation, Matt Haynes, Department staff, 3:10 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.
- Board discussion, 3:25 p.m. to 3:38 p.m.
- Chair Nevel thanked Mr. Haynes and commented about maternal mortality.
- Haynes commented that it is a trend that is worsening. He then commented that HQIP is a way to ensure equity of care. Adding that the portfolio of measures will help.

- Burnette commented that we need to look at outcomes, and that it meets with the goals of the legislation.
- Chat question from Neswood: Can you talk about the rationale for reducing point totals.
- Haynes response: The point value reductions were planned to be reduced before these others were delayed, so we kept the points where they would be, even with other measures being delayed till 2021.
- Chair Nevel asked if there were any more questions, and then to proceed with next agenda item.

#### 4. Hospital Transformation Program

- Presentation of hospital delay request and Department recommendations, Nancy Dolson, Department staff, 3:40 p.m. to 3:51 p.m.
- Themes heard include hospitals are stretched thin, work load requirements are greatly increased. Implementation of this program needs to be thoughtful.
- There is a \$5 Billion shortfall in the budget. HTP meets the goals of the MFAR.
- HTP has been delayed six months already, but there is a need to right-size administrative burdens.
- New Proposed HTP Timeline is: Application process from February through May 2021, Implementation plan process from June through September 2021, Project ramp-up and planning: October through December 2021, HTP activity starts January 2022, and First activity report for prior quarter will be April 2022.
- The department hopes to continue hospital meetings monthly. Matt Haynes is leading those discussions.
- Board Discussion, 3:52 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Westrom - Thanks to everyone for understanding. The delay will help hospitals and committees to deal with the pandemic.
- Neswood - What the time should look like in the interim. Members that are engaged feel like there is important work to be done. Work groups didn't originally include community leaders. Hopefully we can use the delay to our benefit.
- Dolson - Let's use this time now to our advantage with the HTP Community Advisory Council.
- Chair Nevel thanked everyone for coming to an agreement for an extension to the HTP timeline. He thanked Matt and his team for all their work and efforts to relieve administrative burden. Then move on to public comment.



## 5. Public Comment - 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

- Flores-Brennan chat comment regarding HTP proposed timeline: She supports Neswood's recommendations to use this extra time to focus on consumer input and equity. She also appreciates that there is not an indefinite delay because we do need to work to improve value.
- Herbert chat questions regarding HTP timeline: Will the application be maintained as proposed to be completed by October 2020, or will this move to Feb 2021? Additionally, since the start of COVID-19 and the delays, we have seen no new models of change in-regards to program overview. Can we expect to see a change in documentation moving forward?
- HCPF chat answer: There is a delay of the application period to start Feb 2021.
- Haynes answered that new information is forthcoming, will be presented and will be available soon on the HTP website.
- Sears chat question regarding HTP timeline: Will any letters of partnership we have obtained already still be valid in February, or will we need updated letters?
- Haynes response: That's an interesting question, please follow up with me offline.
- Wade chat question regarding HQIP about claims-based metrics. We need to have access to the data.
- Haynes response: For your own Emergency Hospital Room data, you would have access to that internally. For claims-based measures, we will be providing the data back to the hospitals via a dash board. We are looking into how much data we can provide to hospitals, because it contains personal health information. We want to provide good information with regard PHI.
- Chat question from Park regarding HQIP: Will there be a modification of the Patient Experience Measure for the period that visitors weren't allowed in hospitals? Many family members fill out the surveys for the patients.
- Haynes response: Thank you for your question. Please follow-up with me offline.
- Beckworth chat question regarding HTP: Do we still have to report on the quarters in between the milestones? There was talk of reporting on the interim activities.
- Haynes response: You now will report twice a year, with a narrative at a high level about each quarter's activities to minimize administrative burden.
- Nevel asked if there are any other comments or questions.
- Bimestefer commented thanks to the hospitals on behalf of the Department.
- Nevel asked for any other public comment, if none, let's move on to the Board action.



## 6. Board Action - 4:16 p.m.

- HQIP 2021 proposed measures decision - Burnette moved and Neswood seconded - passed unanimously
- HTP delay request recommendation - Burnette moved and Westrom seconded - passed unanimously

## 7. Adjourn

- Nevel again expressed his appreciation for everyone, as well as high participation by Board members and asked if there were any additional comments.
- Burnette said that this is her last CHASE Board meeting, as she is retiring at the end of September.
- Director Bimestefer expressed her thanks to Burnette for her work and partnership.
- Nevel echoed Bimestefer's comments.
- Dolson also echoed her comments.

Nevel adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

## 8. Next meeting: October 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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