



**Accountable Care Collaborative  
Program Improvement Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

**May 19, 2021 // 9:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Ben Harris welcomed members to the Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:33AM.

The following people were in attendance: Catania Jones, Christina Suh, Daniel Darting, Donald Moore, Ian Engle, Joanna Martinson, Joseph Prezioso, Lila Cummings, Steve Johnson, Tom Keller, Wendy Nading, Maribel Sandoval, Michael Aragon, and Dale Buterbaugh.

*A quorum of voting members was present.*

**2. Open Comment**

Milena Guajardo reviewed the agenda for meeting attendees and opened the floor for public comment on the meeting's agenda. The public had no comments. Milena closed the floor for public comment.

Action Items:

- None

Parking Lot Items

- None

**3. Minutes Approval**

Milena presented the April meeting minutes for approval, and members voted to approve. There was one abstention. April meeting minutes were approved.

Action Items:

- None

Parking Lot Items

- None

**4. PIAC Operations and Housekeeping**

Ben introduced the most recent snapshot of enrollment data for members to view and noted that PIAC will take a closer look at these numbers at a later date. Ben discussed the workplan for today's meeting and upcoming meetings. Topics for future meetings include: a legislative

update, public health emergency update, and for complex member definition update. Ben proposed a summer recess, and members voted to take a break in July.

In last month's meeting members discussed addressing health disparities and how PIAC work can be done through an equitable lens. PIAC's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Taskforce modified a memo in order to reflect the approach PIAC will take to work towards equitable outcomes. Lila Cummings presented the strategy questions the EDI Taskforce included in the memo. Members voted to adopt the framework described in the memo. PIAC members will revisit the topic to check on the progress of the adoption of the EDI principles.

Action Items:

- EDI Taskforce will edit memo based on PIAC member input.

Parking Lot Items

- None

## 5. PIAC Core Competencies 101

Ben introduced Jeff Eggert, Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) Division Director, and Dave Ducharme, Program Operations Section Manager, to discuss ACC Financials. For transparency and accessibility, the FY18-19 financial summary will be posted to the ACC public website in the next coming weeks, followed by the FY19-20 financial summary. Dave presented the financial statements and what to look at to assess the financial health of the ACC. If there are questions or concerns regarding the ACC Financial information, email Milena.

Action Items:

- The Department will notify PIAC when ACC financial summaries get posted to the ACC public website.
- PIAC members will email Milena if there are any comments regarding ACC financial information.

Parking Lot Items

- None.

## 6. Medicaid Director Update

Ben introduced Tracy Johnson, Medicaid Director. Tracy began the enrollment conversation by discussing coverage trends for pregnant women and presented an overview of forthcoming adjustments regarding ACC performance metric portfolio.

Prior to the pandemic, the Department presented data on how Medicaid members move between programs. The Department looked at this information in the context of a bill being considered this session. Pregnant woman lose coverage after 60 days postpartum. Senate Bill (SB) 21-194 will extend coverage for a full 12 months, even for higher income groups. The



Department is trying to understand what the implications are for this potential policy change, specifically from an EDI perspective, and how the policy change impacts the ACC and Regional Accountable Entities' (RAE) ability to deliver maternity programming and improve performance. Members discussed enrollment, reaching underserved communities, and the impact of accessing services during COVID-19. Tracy asked PIAC members to send their comments on the topic to the Department so they can be addressed by Marivel Sandoval in the June meeting when discussing the Public Health Emergency (PHE) update.

Tracy presented a high-level overview of upcoming revisions to the ACC performance metric portfolio, including the objectives of the Department's strategic review. The review is based on stakeholder, member, and RAE feedback. The Department is looking at Adult and Child CMS Core set of measures, which will allow the federal government to evaluate Medicaid programs on a national basis. The Department has received feedback that there are a lot of measures. Feedback asks if there is a way to reduce total number of measures without sacrificing improvement.

Some changes will take effect July 1, 2021, but the majority will take effect July 1, 2022. The Department will be asking for stakeholder feedback on direction and suggested changes during the Performance Measurement and Member Engagement (PMME) subcommittee meetings. Members should attend PMME subcommittee meetings to provide feedback during this process.

Tracy discussed the currently proposed changes to ACC Performance Metrics. Members brought up the Diabetes Self-management Education and Support Program, a Medicaid benefit, and discussed the possibility of increasing communication for this program. Members brought up the importance of inclusive language as we work towards Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) communications, and barriers to access of services and programs.

#### Action Items:

- PIAC Members will send comments on enrollment and eligibility to Milena.
- PIAC Members will attend PMME subcommittee meetings to provide feedback for changes with ACC Performance Metrics.
- The Department will follow up with information about the Diabetes Self-management Education and Support Program.

#### Parking Lot Items

- None

### **7. PIAC Discussion and Next steps**

Ben opened the floor up for a debrief and discussion on today's meeting. Members reiterated the importance of inclusive language. Ben stated that FY19-20 financial data will be posted on the ACC public reporting page in June 2021, and PIAC will revisit financial data in the September 2021 PIAC meeting. Members expressed interest in further details on proposed



changes to ACC Performance Metrics. Members brought up wanting to look closely at data to identify where the opportunities lie. Ben encouraged regional PIAC representatives to discuss this matter with regional PIACs.

Action Items:

- PIAC Members will sent inclusive language resources to Milena to be disseminated to the broader group.
- PMME will update PIAC on further details regarding the ACC Performance Metric changes.
- Regional PIAC representatives will discuss opportunities with data breakdown with regional PIACs.
- EDI Taskforce will edit memo based on PIAC member input.
- The Department will notify PIAC when ACC financial summaries get posted to the ACC public website.
- PIAC members will email Milena if there are any questions or concerns regarding ACC financial information.
- PIAC Members will send comments on enrollment & eligibility to Milena.
- PIAC Members will attend PMME subcommittee meetings to provide feedback for changes with ACC Performance Metrics.
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Parking Lot Items

- None.

**8. Open Comment**

Ben opened the meeting up for public comment. The public commented on the EDI memo and how the content of the memo could be helpful when looking to make changes to emergency department visit metric. The public asked for an update on the women health providers, which was discussed during the April PIAC meeting. This topic will be further discussed during the June meeting. Ben closed the meeting for public comment.

Action Items:

- None.

Parking Lot Items

- Update on women health providers.

**9. Wrap Up**

Ben adjourned the meeting at 12:07pm.

