



Accountable Care Collaborative Program Improvement Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023 // 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

1. Welcome, Introductions, & Minutes Approval

Kiara Kuenzler welcomed members to the Program Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

The following members were in attendance: Kiara Kuenzler, Maria Zubia, Kevin JD Wilson, Mark Levine, Steve Johnson, Tom Keller, Brent Pike, Wendy Nading, Donald Moore, Kelly Phillips-Henry, Catania Jones, Daphne McCabe, Samuel Herbert, and Daniel Darting.

A quorum of voting members was present.

Kiara Kuenzler presented the May meeting minutes for approval. There were no abstentions. The May meeting minutes were approved.

Action Items:

- None.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

2. Continuous Coverage & Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwind

Maria Zubia introduced Alison Ledden, the Department's Communication Specialist, to give an [update on the Public Health Emergency](#) (PHE) and continuous coverage unwind. The Department has been carrying out a communications strategy about the renewal process, including coordination with Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs), television and radio campaigns, and a Member frequently asked questions (FAQ) webpage. More information and data are available on the Department's [PHE Planning Resource Center](#).

Action Items:

- The Department will post a PHE data report on the [PHE Planning Resource Center](#) at the end of June 2023.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

3. Legislative Update

Maria Zubia introduced Jo Donlin, the Department's Legislative Liaison, and Iris Hentze, the Department's Senior Legislative Analyst, to give an [overview of the legislative session](#) and behavioral health bills.

Action Items:

- None.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

4. Subcommittee Updates

Maria Zubia introduced the PIAC subcommittees to provide updates and announcements. Daniel Darting, a Behavioral Health Integration Strategies (BHIS) subcommittee co-chair, shared that at their last meeting BHIS discussed the behavioral health legislative bills that were recently passed, the end of the PHE, and reviewed data around support for Members transitioning out of criminal justice settings. They also provided feedback on ACC Phase III.

Brooke Powers, the Provider and Community Experience (P&CE) Department liaison, gave an update that P&CE recently discussed the [eConsult platform](#) that will go live in winter of 2024. They also gave feedback on a children and youth initiatives for ACC Phase III. P&CE has two open voting member positions.

Daphne McCabe, a Performance Measurement and Member Engagement (PMME) subcommittee co-chair, gave an update that PMME had presentations on children and youth initiatives for ACC Phase III and the Department's health equity performance plan. The Department also gave a response to the recommendations on well child visits.

Action Items:

- None.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

5. Department Response to Well Child Visit Recommendations

Maria Zubia introduced Matt Sundeen, the Department's ACC Program Management Section Manager, to provide a [response to PIAC's recommendations](#) on well child visits. PIAC requested more information on the Health Neighborhood deliverable and how it describes engagement between the RAEs and the Hospital Transformation Program.

Action Items:



- The Department will provide more information on the Health Neighborhood deliverable and how it describes engagement between the RAEs and the Hospital Transformation Program.
- The Department will provide a formal written response to the recommendations to PIAC.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

6. Behavioral Health Incentive Program (BHIP) Data

Kiara Kuenzler introduced Emily Kelley, the Department's Quality Performance Specialist, to review [Fiscal Year 2022 Behavioral Health Incentive Program \(BHIP\) data](#). Starting July 1, 2023, three of the BHIP measures will be replaced with CMS Core Measures. PIAC shared a concern that RAEs do not receive payment for not meeting their goal even if they have an overall high performance percentage.

Action Items:

- The PMME subcommittee will review the Fiscal Year 2022 BHIP data in more detail, including RAE performance percentages, variations in performance, and the measure specifications.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

7. Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) High Intensity Outpatient Projects

Kiara Kuenzler introduced the RAEs to present on their [high intensity outpatient projects](#). These projects are funded by the American Rescue Plan Act to expand availability to high intensity outpatient services for Members with acute and/or chronic behavioral health needs. The RAEs presented on their project grantees, project strategies, successes, and next steps.

Action Items:

- None.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

8. ACC Phase III Regions

Kiara Kuenzler introduced Dave Ducharme, the Department's ACC Division Director, to share an updated region map for ACC Phase III. The map was updated to split the state into four



regions based on stakeholder feedback and utilization patterns. The Department will present an ACC Phase III concept paper at the August PIAC meeting.

Action Items:

- None.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

9. Open Comment

Audrey Keenan opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

Action Items:

- None.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

10. PIAC Discussion and Next Steps

Kiara Kuenzler reviewed next steps and action items from the meeting:

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- The Department will provide more information on the Health Neighborhood deliverable and how it describes engagement between the RAEs and the Hospital Transformation Program.
- The Department will provide a formal written response to the well child visit recommendations to PIAC.
- The PMME subcommittee will review the Fiscal Year 2022 BHIP data in more detail, including RAE performance percentages, variations in performance, and the measure specifications.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

11. Adjournment

Kiara Kuenzler adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

