

**Accountable Care Collaborative  
Program Improvement Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

**September 15, 2021 // 9:30 A.M. to 12:15 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 9:30AM.

The following people were in attendance: Christina Suh, Daniel Darting, Donald Moore, Ian Engle, Joseph Prezioso, Steve Johnson, Thomas Keller, Wendy Nading, Margaret Huffman, Kelly Phillips-Henry, Catania Jones, Dede de Percin, Kiara Kuenzler, and Lila Cummings.

*A quorum of voting members was present.*

Kiara presented the [August meeting minutes](#) for approval, and members voted to approve. There were no abstentions. August meeting minutes were approved.

Action Items:

- None.

Parking Lot Items:

- None.

**2. Executive Director Presentation**

Kiara Kuenzler introduced Kim Bimestefer, the Department's Executive Director, to present on last year's [Accountable Care Collaborative \(ACC\) progress and priorities for the upcoming year](#). Topics discussed included:

- Progress made last year including expanded telehealth and behavioral health and improved access to care.
- The Department's continued work on health disparities in the Medicaid population, including improving vaccination rates and maternity outcomes.
- Benefits of the new Prescriber Tool.
- Areas where PIAC may be engaged in the upcoming year.

Action Items:

- None

Parking Lot Items:

- None

### **3. PMME Update**

Kiara Kuenzler introduced Christina Suh and Bethany Pray, the Performance Measurement and Member Engagement (PMME) subcommittee chairs, to present on [updates from PMME](#). PMME is seeking approval from PIAC on its [recommendations](#) to improve the Department's health equity and performance measures. PMME also included the [PMME charter](#).

Members voted to approve the recommendations. There were no objections. The recommendations were approved to send to the Department.

#### Action Items:

- The Department will review the PMME recommendations and provide a response to PIAC by approximately October or November 2021.

#### Parking Lot Items:

- None.

### **4. Engagement on ACC Priorities**

Kiara Kuenzler led a discussion on how [PIAC can engage in upcoming ACC priorities](#) and what the process for engagement should be. Jeff Eggert, the Department's ACC Delivery System Division Director, shared updates on the timeline for ACC 3.0. ACC 3.0 will go into effect in 2024 and the stakeholder engagement process will begin in the spring of 2022.

PIAC members are interested in engaging in the following areas:

- Improving consistency between physical health and behavioral health across the RAEs, including with attribution, payment methodologies, and delivery models.
- Identifying areas where care coordination is working successfully and how this can be replicated in other areas.
  - PIAC would like to review what work has already been done on this.
- Utilizing ARPA funding to supplement wages for frontline workers.
- Reviewing a summary of the 50 legislative bills that were passed this legislative session.

#### Action Items:

- The Department will approach the Provider and Community Experience subcommittee about taking the lead on how PIAC and its subcommittees can be involved in care coordination.

- PIAC, led by Kiara Kuenzler, will convene a short-term ad hoc committee to solicit input from PIAC subcommittees and regional committees on workforce challenges and ideas.
- Tracy Johnson will follow up with PIAC on what behavioral health feedback would be most useful for the Department.
- PIAC will develop a structure to solicit feedback from regionals MEACS/PIACs, RAEs, members, and providers regarding ACC 3.0. This will be discussed more at the October PIAC meeting.
- The PHE unwind will be added as an agenda item for a future PIAC meeting.
- The Department will share a list of the 50 legislative bills that were passed this season and highlight which ones need stakeholder input.

#### Parking Lot Items:

- None.

### **5. PIAC Discussion and Next Steps**

Kiara Kuenzler reviewed action items from the meeting:

- The Department and PIAC will move forward with engagement opportunity action items as outlined above.
- The Department will review the PMME recommendations and provide a response to PIAC by approximately October or November 2021.

### **6. Open Comment**

Milena Guajardo opened the meeting for open comment. The public requested more information on the PIAC subcommittees and other stakeholder engagement opportunities. The public also commented that it has been difficult to provide quality mental health care and improve access to care due to workforce shortages and burnout. Milena closed the open comment period.

### **7. Adjournment**

Kiara adjourned the meeting at 11:58.