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**Payment Alternatives for Colorado Kids (PACK)
Design Review Team (DRT)
Meeting Minutes**

February 7, 2024
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

1. Introductions

Suman Mathur called the meeting to order.

The following DRT participants were in attendance: Alison Keesler, Amber Griffin, Andrea Loasby, David Keller, Ealasha Vaughner, Erica Pike, Hillary Jorgensen, Hoke Stapp, Jane Reed, Laura Luzetti, M. Cecile Fraley, Mark Gritz, Melissa Buchholz, Mike DiTondo, Rebecca Gostlin, Robert Haywood, Sarrah Knause, and Toni Sarge.

Other attendees included Devin Kepler (HCPF), Katie Price (HCPF), Nicole Nyberg (HCPF), Emily Leung (Stakeholder Engagement (SE) Team), Moriah Bell (SE Team), Suman Mathur (SE Team), Andy Wilson (PACK Support Team), Puja Patel (PACK Support Team), and Samantha Block (PACK Support Team).

2. Expectation Setting

Emily Leung presented proposed norms for interactions during meetings, tools to be used during meetings, and general expectations for the DRT meetings.

3. DRT Participants' Role

Devin Kepler presented the proposed PACK 'North Star' goal [Where every kid with Health First Colorado has the opportunity for a healthy childhood via equitable engagement with a primary care medical provider, which is pediatric prevention-focused and provides access to management of illness and injury].

DRT participants suggested the following modifications to the PACK 'North Star' goal:

- Prioritization and inclusion of behavioral health, health care education, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and social determinants of health.
- Focus a long-term, longitudinal focus on prevention from childhood to adulthood.
- Addition of strengths-based language and replacing words like 'illness' and 'injury' with 'wellbeing' and 'wellness'.

Devin Kepler also highlighted the purpose of DRT meetings and outlined the advisory scope of DRT participants.

Andy Wilson then presented on the role of the DRT in providing feedback in an iterative process and presented on the five major design elements that will be discussed during future DRT meetings. Staff discussed how there will be alignment discussions regarding



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PACK design and Division of Insurance (DOI) primary care payment structure recommendations in future DRT meetings.

A. Action Items

Staff will take into consideration the PACK 'North Star' goal feedback from DRT participants. PACK goals and objectives will be further discussed in future DRT meeting.

4. Background on Value Based Payment

Puja Patel shared a definition of value based payment. Puja also highlighted a few of the current and future Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) value based payment programs and noted the considerations of cross programmatic alignment.

Samantha Block shared background information about the current Alternative Payment Model (APM) 1 and APM 2 programs and rationale for a value based payment model for pediatric primary care.

DRT participants commented on the importance of social determinants of health and children with special health care needs when considering a sustainable PACK model. Additional reactions to the rationale for PACK included the idea of maintaining or increasing pediatric primary care provider workforce.

The SE Team led an exercise for DRT members to respond to the following question: What aspect of the pediatric primary care that you provide, your child(ren) receive(s), or advocate for would you like to see change through these design efforts, if possible?

DRT participants expressed the desire for following pediatric primary care changes through PACK:

- Increased reimbursement to support uncompensated care costs, including care coordination, integrated behavioral health care, nurse triage, same day appointments, and weekend appointments.
- Improved data and attribution accuracy.
- Better data quality measures that can track outcomes of interventions and allow for flexibility with respect to well child visits and vaccine hesitancy.
- Ability to address social determinants of health and behavioral needs that span from childhood and adolescence as well as the needs of children and youth with special health care needs.

5. Next Steps

Suman Mathur provided a list of resources and reminded DRT participants about the next meeting held on February 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Suman then closed the meeting.



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