



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

**Value-Based Payment and Quality Improvement
Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 22, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

**Brown-Heatly Building
Public Hearing Room
4900 North Lamar Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78751**

Table 1: Value-Based Payment and Quality Improvement Advisory Committee member attendance at the Friday, September 22, 2017 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Berkowitz, Steven M., MD	X		Lee, Kathy	X	
Bose, Sarojini, MD	X		Parks, Angie	X	
Fullerton, Cliff, MD	P		Peterson, Mary Dale, MD	X	
Gandhi, Darshan, MD		X	Sowell, Vincent		X
Ganduglia Cazaban, Cecilia, MD, PhD	P		Taylor Calhoun, Rose	X	
Garrett, Adam M.	X		Webster, David, MD	X	
Hardy-Decuir, Beverly, DNP	X		Vacant		
Keller, Andy, PhD		X	Kirsch, Lisa C. (Ex-Officio)	X	

Yes: Indicates attended the meeting. **No:** Indicates did not attend the meeting. **P:** Indicates member participated by phone.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

The Value-Based Payment and Quality Improvement (VBPQI) Advisory Committee meeting convened at 10:02 a.m., with Committee Chair Dr. Steven Berkowitz welcoming participants to the meeting. Table 1 notes committee member attendance at the meeting; it was noted a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2: Update from the Chair

Dr. Berkowitz expressed gratefulness for Texans helping Texas communities affected by Hurricane Harvey, and advised members to take note that health care costs will be increasing in October 2017.

Agenda Item 3: Review and approval of meeting minutes from April 18, 2017

Dr. Berkowitz referred members to the minutes from the April 18, 2017, meeting.

Motion:

Ms. Rose Taylor Calhoun moved to accept the April 18, 2017, meeting minutes. Dr. David Webster seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 4: The University of Texas System Population Health Initiative by David Lakey, M.M., The University of Texas System

Dr. David Lakey, M.M., Chief Medical Officer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Population Health, The University of Texas (UT) System, and, Senior Vice President for Population Health, Isadore Roosth Distinguished Professor, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, referred to the Power Point presentation, "University of Texas Population Health, HHSC Value-Based Payment and Quality Improvement Advisory Committee," and spoke on the UT System's Population Health Projects. Highlights included:

- The establishment and charge of the Texas Health Improvement Network by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session;
- The Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies;
- Chairs of Psychiatry Workgroup;
- UT Collaborative on Population Health Innovation and Improvement;
- UT Eliminate Tobacco Use steering committee;
- Texas Department of Families and Protective Services (DFPS)-funded Texas Safe Babies project;
- HHSC-funded Healthy Families initiative; and,
- The Health Status of Northeast Texas 2016.

Agenda Item 5: Quality and program improvement staff update

a. Legislative and program initiatives. Mr. Jimmy Blanton, Director, Health Quality Institute, HHSC, provided a legislative update, noting three budget riders the Health Quality Institute will be involved in. Mr. Blanton advised one budget rider calls for collaboration of HHSC, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Employees Retirement System (ERS), and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to participate in a multi-agency workgroup to analytically review claims data sets across state-funded services; the workgroup will issue a report in mid-2018. Mr. Blanton advised a related rider involving the same agencies calls for collaborate on reviewing value-based payment models and strategies, and developing common ways of measuring progress in a value-based framework. Mr. Blanton advised a third budget rider calls for data sharing around behavioral services; HHSC will work with stakeholders to create a public use data set to examine behavioral health issues and challenges in the state. Mr. Blanton also noted at least four bills involve telemedicine, which is important in terms of taking telemedicine in Texas to the next level with a focus of making connections to rural health.

Action:

- Mr. Blanton will provide members with information on the next meeting of the HHSC E-Health Advisory Committee.

b. Quality plan and value-based road map. Mr. Blanton referred to the Power Point slides on the HHSC Healthcare Quality Plan, reviewing the background, goals and six priorities of the plan, which has been submitted to the Sunset Advisory Committee and distributed to the VBPQI advisory committee members. Mr. Matt Ferrara, Director, Quality Oversight, HHSC, referenced the Power Point slides on the "Value-Based Purchasing Roadmap," noting the roadmap is a companion document to the Healthcare Quality Plan and is posted on the website. Mr. Ferrara reviewed the

roadmap's guiding principles, noting a goal is to advance and accelerate value in health care. Mr. Ferrara spoke to the core Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) programs, focusing on the elements of the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) VBP/Alternative Payment Models (APM) with providers.

- c. Medicaid value-based initiative.** Mr. Blanton advised this section of the staff report will be postponed to the next advisory committee meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Presentation: Dell Medical School/Episcopal Health Foundation Project to Advance Value-Based Care in Texas Medicaid by Lisa Kirsch, Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin

Ms. Lisa Kirsch, Senior Policy Director, Dell Medical School, UT Austin, reviewed to the Power Point presentation, "Next Steps on Texas Medicaid Project to Advance Value Based Care September 22, 2016," and advised that Dell Medical School was providing short-term support and technical assistance to HHSC on the project. Ms. Kirsch noted the project goals included:

- Given Texas landscape and current Medicaid initiatives, how to take next steps to advance value based care (VBC) through managed care?
- HHSC Role -- strategic guidance and communication to support statewide priorities and vision (toolkit).
- Meet providers and plans where they are -- large/small, urban/rural.
- Work to align initiatives internally within Medicaid, and also with other payers (Medicare, commercials, Employees Retirement System of Texas {ERS}/Teachers Retirement System of Texas {TRS}) to the extent possible.

Ms. Kirsch discussed project areas of opportunity and interest, including: data sharing; maternity/newborn care; medical/health homes; opioid overuse and management; small and rural providers; and, integration of medical and social services. Ms. Kirsch noted these areas of opportunity may be of interest to the VBPQI Advisory Committee as it furthers its work topics and goals for its legislative report.

Agenda Item 8 (Part 1): Legislative report workgroup update

Ms. Kirsch reported the workgroup identified possible areas of focus, including: partnerships to improve health and health care; social determinants; the six priorities established in the HHSC Healthcare Quality Plan; and, consideration of the Dell Medical School's value based care project (i.e. data sharing; value-based maternity; health home; opioids; small and rural; and, integrating social and medical services).

Agenda Item 7: Medicaid Leadership Institute Value-Based Initiative, Jami Snyder, Associate Commissioner, Medicaid and CHIP Services Department

Ms. Jami Snyder, Associate Commissioner, Medicaid and CHIP Services Department, HHSC, reviewed the Power Point presentation, "Medicaid Leadership Institute Value-Based Project." Ms. Snyder noted the Institute, sponsored by the Center for Health Care Strategies and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, provides the opportunity for Medicaid Directors from states across the political spectrum to develop the skills and expertise necessary to improve their Medicaid programs. Ms. Snyder noted the scope of her leadership project proposal is to develop a comprehensive set of tools to educate and support stakeholders impacted by Texas Medicaid's emerging value-based focus, and that the UT Austin Dell Medical School is providing support to the project.

Agenda Item 8 (Part 2): Legislative report workgroup update

Ms. Kirsch referenced her prior review of the legislative report workgroup's areas of focus, advising the workgroup will focus on toolkits, data sharing, and value-based maternity while also exploring the remaining topics at some level. Members moved the discussion of the workgroup's direction to Agenda Item 9(d).

Agenda Item 9: Legislative report discussion. Mr. Blanton noted this agenda item is being restructured to continue the focus of the committee's discussion on Agenda Item (d).

- a. Timeline and general approach. This agenda item was tabled.
- b. **Objective and goals.** This agenda item was tabled.
- c. Areas of opportunity for increasing health care value. This agenda item folded into Agenda Item (d).
- d. **Strategic priorities.** Ms. Kirsch referred to the Dell Medical School's "Project to Advance Value-Based Care in Texas Medicaid" and discussed with members areas of opportunity in the project the VBQI Advisory Committee may want to piggyback on. Members focused discussion on: data sharing; small and rural health providers; telehealth; value-based maternity bundles; medical and health homes; and, integration of medical and social services.

Public Comment:

Ms. Lee Ann Hampton, Owner, Pans Apothecary, Paris, Texas, and Member, Alliance of Independent Pharmacists, addressed the VBQI Advisory Committee on VBP, noting that VBP needs to be defined; the need to provide MCOs with a structure that has all the same endpoints; and, allowing pharmacists to bill for VBP.

Action:

- Mr. Blanton will schedule two separate conference calls in lieu of the November 9, 2017, meeting for members to continue work around: the data sharing issue and the integration of medical and social services; initial development of recommendations; and, supporting and integrating the Dell Medical School's Project to Advance Value-Based Care in Texas Medicaid."

Agenda Item 10: Action items for staff or member follow-up

Items for follow-up were identified throughout the course of the meeting.

Agenda Item 11: Public Comment

Dr. Paul J. Rowan, licensed psychologist and Associate Professor, UT-Houston School of Public Health, submitted for the record written public comment concerning bundled payments for pregnancy, labor/delivery, and postpartum care.

Agenda Item 12: Adjourn

Dr. Berkowitz thanked meeting participants, and adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Attachment: Public comment submitted by Paul J. Rowan, Ph.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor, The University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health, Division of Management, Policy and Community Health, Reuel A. Stallones Building, Room E303, 1200 Herman Presslar, Houston, Texas 77030, Paul.J.Rowan@uth.tmc.edu.