

Primary Care Program Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

8/3/2023 11am – 12:30pm

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Next Steps

- An optional supplementary meeting is scheduled on **August 24th from 1 - 2pm** to review additional data topics, questions, or comments.
- PCPAC Members – Contact Brad to volunteer a centrally located space for the September in-person meeting.
- DSS – Host an orientation meeting to review prior meeting materials with new members.

Introduction

- After an internal review of PCPAC's membership, DSS welcomed three new committee members. DSS plans to host an orientation meeting to review prior meeting materials with new members.
 - Catherine John (Black and Brown United In Action)
 - Carol Grabbe (Department of Developmental Services)
 - Jossie Torres (Department of Developmental Services)
- For the upcoming in-person meeting in September, DSS intends to begin more targeted discussions about primary care program design, acknowledging that it is still premature to make decisions on design details.
 - Given the diversity of this group, DSS also emphasized that there is no expectation for complete agreement among PCPAC members. DSS welcomes each member's varying perspective, and all voices will be heard.
 - Members interested in volunteering a space for the September meeting should contact Brad for consideration.
- The primary goals for today's meeting include:
 - Discuss state and federal primary care programs that could inform DSS' primary care program design process, and support the transition to more targeted discussions about the role of primary care within a broader system of care that recognizes and addresses health-related social needs
 - Be responsive to this Committee's request for additional data and give Committee members an opportunity to discuss priority data topics

Update on Public Act 23-171

- DSS will work with the Office of Health Strategy, the Office of Policy and Management and other agencies and stakeholders to develop a strategy that improves health care outcomes, community health and health equity to support HUSKY Health members.
- DSS is still determining how work from Public Act 23-171 relates to primary care program design, acknowledging that primary care may fit into the framework of the Act, but is not the entire solution. The aim of the Act is to address broader social and economic issues and identify how Medicaid can play a role to improve access and health outcomes.

- A few members expressed the importance of addressing barriers to health beyond the medical system and to link health systems with community-based supports, noting that the community is best positioned to address the needs of its members.
 - In agreement, the Commissioner expressed a desire to have a more substantive discussion of this at the next PCPAC meeting.
- Another member also voiced the importance of addressing gaps in racial equity.

Topic 1 – Primary Care Program Review and Discussion

- DSS reviewed a selection of existing primary care programs to discuss learnings that could inform DSS' primary care program design process.
- Among federal programs reviewed (Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC), Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+), Primary Care First (PCF), and Making Care Primary (MCP), DSS shared key themes around care delivery requirements, payment model, and performance measurement.
- In addition, DSS described how federal programs envision the role of primary care in addressing health-related social needs (HRSNs).
- DSS also shared state Medicaid examples.
 - One member requested that DSS consider other state models, such as Oregon, New York, and North Carolina.
- One member pointed out federal model flaws (e.g., little quality improvement and overspending); there was also discussion of program successes (e.g., decreased emergency department utilization).
- Members and DSS acknowledged that different programs have different target populations (e.g., Medicare members vs. children), and different administrative structures (e.g., managed care vs. ASO), so DSS will need to be cognizant of differences and potential barriers to implementation.

Topic 2 – Data Review

- DSS reviewed data on Unattributed Members.
- A committee member suggested additional data analyses to better understand the cost and utilization profile of unattributed members.
- An optional supplementary meeting is scheduled on **August 24th from 1 - 2pm** to review data related questions or comments not reviewed in this meeting.