



March 19, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Location: Conducted virtually

Meeting Minutes:

Member Attendees: Dr. Andrew Baron, Denise Chuckovich, Dr. Keith Davis, Dr. Ted Epperly, John Heintz, Lisa Hettinger, Randall Hudspeth, Yvonne Ketchum-Ward, Susie Pouliot, Neva Santos, Chris Thomas, Larry Tisdale, Dr. Karl Watts, Matt Wimmer

DHW Staff: Mary Sheridan, Matt Walker, Stephanie Sayegh, Ann Watkins

Guests: Janet Reis, Alexis Pickering, Jenni Gudapati, Jennifer Wheeler, Ethan Despain, Cynthia York, Scott Banken, Katie Falls, Joe Pollard, Robbie Roberts, Melissa McVaugh

Summary of Motions/Decisions:

Motion:

Denise Chuckovich moved to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting of the Healthcare Transformation Council of Idaho as presented.
Second: Susie Pouliot

Outcome:

Passed

Agenda Topics:

Welcome and Opening Remarks; Roll Call; Introductions; Review of Minutes; Action Items, and Agenda Review- Dr. Ted Epperly, HTCI Co-Chair

Dr. Epperly opened the meeting and expressed appreciation for council member flexibility in participating electronically and for continuing to make this work a priority.

Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives (OHPI) contract and funding update – Mary Sheridan, Bureau of Rural Health & Primary Care, IDHW

The Idaho Legislature approved one-year of funding for 2 FTEs to staff OHPI. Mary is currently recruiting a program manager and health program specialist and the job announcements are posted on the State of Idaho website. Following state procurement rules, a financial analysis contract was awarded to Mercer. Katie Falls and Scott Banken from Mercer participated in the Payer Provider

Workgroup on March 16. Following state procurement rules, a contract was also awarded to Stonewall Analytics to conduct a state telehealth environmental scan.

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update – Dr. David Pate

In rapid expansion phase, Idaho counts are at 11 as of this morning, we will see a rapid increase in the next couple of weeks. The importance of public health measures and social distancing is strongly encouraged.

Terry Reilly reported being out of PPE and they set up triage outside of the clinics. It is very concerning; the public is encouraged to use phone visits and telehealth. Members shared information the need to provide remote visits, the need for reimbursement, and the importance of watching for CMS alerts. Members shared experiences about payer changes. Optum behavioral can currently be conducted by phone. Medicaid is not limiting or requiring Healthy Connections referrals. There is an urgent need for PPE. Other states are also challenged with PPE for their staff. Many facilities report they will be out of supplies by the weekend.

Get Healthy Idaho – Joe Pollard, Program manager, IDHW

Population health plan was developed 5 years ago to support the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP). The new plan was developed through stakeholder input and an approach to looking upstream. Strategies include identifying high-priority communities, cultivating partnerships and capacity, achieving a shared vision, using a community-led approach, investing funds upstream, and having an impact on social determinants of health.

Get Healthy Idaho website: gethealthy.dhw.idaho.gov.

Joe provided a demonstration of the data and resources housed on the site, including, a dashboard for Division of Public Health priority areas, measures and prevalence by county, demographic information, overlaid with social determinants of health measures using a social vulnerability index.

Community Care Idaho (CCID) – Ethan Despain, Director of Provider Relations and Contracting, CCID

The Enhanced Primary Care Case Management program is a managed care model for Idaho. It is designed to deliver better care, better health, lower costs and patient-centered care in both rural and urban areas. It supports statewide independent practices that may not have other opportunities to participate in value-based contracting. Recruiting primary care practices to this nonprofit model in Idaho.

Community Care of North Carolina is supporting the development of CCID, providing funding and technical assistance. It also meets CIN requirements and consists of a 7-member Board of Directors, including primary care leaders in each region. Participation is non-exclusive and practices can continue in any current arrangements. Quality bonus payments and shared saving distribution to member with low administrative rates. Currently reaching out to primary care practices statewide.

CCID partnership with CCNC brings experience and support to help achieve quality improvement and cost savings. Ethan will provide presentations to share information with stakeholders that may be interested.

Payer Provider Workgroup (PPW) update – Norm Varin, PPW Co-Chair

Mercer was introduced and shared a high-level plan moving forward with collecting data to conduct the financial analysis and determine the percent of value-based payments.

Telehealth Task Force (TTF) update – *Jenni Gudapati, TTF Co-Chair and Ann Watkins, Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care*

March 18 meeting postponed. There were questions about extending report due date for one month due to the pandemic. Extension request is understandable and there were no questions from the group. The request was supported. Several participants expressed the current COVID-19 has demonstrated the need for telehealth as an option for delivering services.

Rural Health & Frontier Healthcare Solutions Workgroup update – *Patt Richesin, President, Kootenai Care Network and Larry Tisdale, VP Finance, Idaho Hospital Association*

The workgroup is suspending all work for a month and cancelling the April meeting. The workgroup consists primarily of Critical Access Hospitals CEO's and they are needed in their communities. The workgroup had great participation and developing a data request to continue to help advance the work while the workgroup is on hold. Dr. Craig Jones is providing technical assistance for the group. HTCI understands the delay and continues to support the group.

Next steps and future actions for HTCI – Dr, Ted Epperly, Dr. David Pate, and HTCI members

Hold until April 16. We will plan on a virtual meeting; we need to stay engaged. More information will follow. We will continue to interact and move the work forward.

Closing: *Dr. Ted Epperly*

Next Meeting: *Thursday April 16, 2020*

Meeting Adjourned: 04:26 p.m.