



Community Health EMS Workgroup

Meeting Minutes:

SUBJECT: CHEMS Workgroup February Meeting Minutes **DATE:** February 28, 2018

ATTENDEES: Cynthia York, Madeline Russell, Janice Lung, Janet Reis, Mary Sheridan, Marta Tanikuni **LOCATION:** IDHW Offices – 5th Floor Conference Room, #5
450 W State Street, Boise ID, 83702

Teleconference: Mark Babson, Cameo Akins, Rachel Porter, Mike Mikitish, Travis Spencer, Bill Holstein, James Rhom, Linda Rowe

STATUS: Draft (02/28/2018)

Agenda Topics:

Introductions, Agenda review, Approve minutes – *Mary Sheridan, IDHW Bureau of Rural Health & Primary Care*

- ◆ Mary Sheridan welcomed everyone. In-person and phone attendees introduced themselves. A motion for approval of the January meeting minutes with a minor correction was passed.

Health Specific Modules for Community Paramedics – *Mike Mikitish, Idaho State University*

- ◆ Currently 13 asynchronous health specific modules are available to Community Paramedics and Community Health Workers if they have taken the core course. Traumatic Brain Injury, COPD, and Diabetes are among the modules that are offered. Students who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate of completion at no cost. For those students interested in obtaining Continuing Education credits, the amount of credits is dependent on the length of the module and a small fee is included to cover administrative costs. The *Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse* module is the mandatory pre-requisite for a student to complete before additional modules are pursued. Each module includes: information on the specific disease, case studies, activities, and quizzes. Feedback is encouraged and appreciated. Contact Mike Mikitish for additional information.

Extensions for Community Healthcare Outcomes (EHCO) – *Lachelle Smith, EHCO Project Manager, University of Idaho*

- ◆ EHCO is a learning and guided practice to share specialist level expertise, experiences, and networks through video conferencing that gathers groups of multi-disciplinary specialists to conduct virtual clinics/learning sessions. These sessions are available to healthcare providers at no cost. Sessions will begin Thursday, March 15, 2018 and will occur every other Thursday through September from 12:15-1:15 MST. CEs are also available at no cost. For more information and how-to sign-up: uidaho.edu/echo, echoidaho@uidaho.edu, or (208) 364-4698.

Multi-Payer Workgroup Update the Reimbursement Conversation– Cynthia York, Administrator, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

- ◆ The pay for service model is no longer here and payers are moving toward a value based model. Our focus needs to be on identifying the value of said model and how CHEMS fits into this. She stressed the importance of data and if you don't have it, she questioned why not. She has seen a renewed interest with payers. Cynthia expressed that Jeff Crouch is a valuable resource for commercial payer knowledge. She mentioned that the next Multi-Payer workgroup meeting in March 6, 2018 and invited others to call in. She will send meeting information to Madeline Russell.

Upcoming Webinar – Economic Model – Madeline Russell, IDHW

- ◆ The webinar will be presented by Dr. Shenghan Xu on April 4th, 2018 from 12:00-1:00 PM MST. Graduate students will be available to visit any CHEMS agency that may have questions concerning economic modeling and operational costs.

CHEMS Program Development Agency Updates – Shoshone County EMS – Bill Holstein

- ◆ Bill's agency currently has one student attending the ISU CHEMS Community Paramedic course and one student who has graduated from the previous cohort.
- ◆ His agency has set up an agreement with Shoshone Medical Center to focus on reductions in 30 day returns. Due to the lack of 30 day returns, they are now refocusing on 60-90 day returns. They are currently planning and communicating with the hospital discharge planner and identifying potential CHEMS patients.
- ◆ Working on referrals with a new medical clinic in Shoshone.
- ◆ Engaged Blue Cross on new ideas on how to use CHEMS and in-network type services. There is potential for future pilot projects.
- ◆ They have hired an Assistant Chief and hoping that many processes can move forward due to this added resource

Next Steps/Updates –

- ◆ Madeline Russell, IDHW – the next IHC meeting will be held on March 14th, 2018 and will include a CHEMS panel. The panel will consist of the following: Mark Babson, Ada County Paramedics; Travis Spencer, Payette County Paramedics; Juan Bonilla, Donnelly Rural Fire Protection District; and Dr. Dunn, Sandpoint Family Health Center, Sandpoint, ID.
- ◆ Next workgroup meeting will be March 28th, 2018 at 10:00 am MST.

There being no further comments, Mary Sheridan adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am

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