Community Health EMS Workgroup

Meeting Minutes:

SUBJECT: CHEMS Workgroup June Minutes

DATE: June 22, 2016

ATTENDEES: Michelle Arnett, Mark Babson, Miro Barac, Juan Bonilla, Bruce Cheeseeman, Greg Creswick, Wayne Denny, Elaina Donohoe, Dave Elwell, Chief Kevin Gray, Michael Mikitish, Ethan Mittelstadt, Janet Nelson, Gina Pannell, Xenya Poole, Rachel Porter, James Rhom, Mary Sheridan, Marta Slickers, Michael Stowell, Travis Spencer, Petra Thorseth, Dr. Sarah Toevs, Wendy Walther

LOCATION: Teleconference:

Rachel Blanton, Les Eaves, Christine Packer, Rob Petroch, Rod Piller, Dave Reynolds

Members Absent: Taylor Kaserman, Cynthia York

STATUS: Draft (06/24/2016)

Agenda Topics:

Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview – Mary Sheridan, IDHW Bureau of Rural Health

♦ Mary Sheridan welcomed everyone to the first meeting for the CHEMS workgroup. This is a new group formed from work done previously by the CHEMS measures design workgroup in effort to create a formal SHIP CHEMS Workgroup. Ms. Sheridan thanked everyone for participating in the meeting.

♦ Wayne Denny introduced himself as the co-chair of the workgroup and as the Bureau Chief of the Department of Health and Welfare’s Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness.

♦ Ms. Sheridan went over the agenda and items for the meeting and had workgroup members and meeting participants introduce themselves.

Review of Current SHIP CHEMS Initiatives – Mary Sheridan, IDHW Bureau of Rural Health, Mark Babson Ada County Paramedics
Mary Sheridan gave a high level overview of the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan also known as SHIP. The SHIP is a 40-million-dollar federal grant from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Innovation aimed at redesigning Idaho’s healthcare system. Information on the Idaho SHIP grant can be found at SHIP.idaho.gov. Ms. Sheridan reviewed CHEMs workgroup expectations and opportunities as a part of the SHIP. CHEMS is specifically mentioned in the SHIP and the project aligns with the triple aim.

CHEMS is a national concept but can be tailored to local needs. EMS professionals are some of the only medical professionals that communicate with everyone involved in the healthcare process. Paramedics provide the care of several medical professionals in one setting. EMS agencies and professionals already extend the reach of the provider and primary care.

The CHEMS measure design team worked together to develop five core domains of measures. These core domains include quality and experience, utilization, cost, quality, and quality and safety. Any measures applicable to each program will be required.

The SHIP CHEMS project also includes a mentoring program for CHEMS agencies and all participants now are in some sort of educational programs. Blackfoot Fire is currently sending personnel through the Idaho State University (ISU) program and served as the SHIP pilot project. Mr. Babson also presented a map of the CHEMS agency across the state; there is participation by EMS agencies in all seven districts. Districts one, three, four, and six all have personnel in the current EMS training program through ISU.

There is a SHIP tiered funding proposal currently pending approval from CMMI. The proposal links different deliverables to payments. A draft of this proposal is located in the meeting documents.

External stakeholder engagement materials have been developed and provided.

**Next Steps, Action Items, QA Session – Wayne Denny, IDHW Bureau of EMS&P**

Wayne Denny thanked everyone for coming and for their participation on the workgroup. The mission of the workgroup is to accomplish goal four of the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan.

Mr. Denny went on to cover the role of the workgroup highlighting key points the workgroup is responsible for; leveraging contacts to identify potential EMS agencies and facilitate development, assist in selection and implementation of training, provide oversight of curriculum development and approval process, and the review and selection of vendors and CHEMS agencies.

The goal of this workgroup will be to work together to develop a program that fits the needs of EMS agencies in different counties throughout the state using best practices. Facilitating stakeholder engagement and building consensus on metrics and reporting strategies. Data collection is the part of this that will help the workgroup and the goals of the workgroup are successful which help in showing the value of the work being done.

Success measures SHIP has identified and the CHEMS workgroup will help in measuring are:

- Identifying EMS agencies to implement CHEMS
- Implement a training program for community paramedics
- Develop and implement a training program for EMTs (ILS and BLS)
- Establish CHEMS mentoring program
- Establish new Telehealth programs in CHEMS agencies
- Develop and implement metrics and reporting strategy.
- Develop and implement continuing education training for CHEMS agencies.
- Test CHEMS against the Triple Aim.

Next steps for the CHEMS workgroup will be for participants to reach out to people within their organization, area of expertise or community and seek feedback regarding how CHEMS can address unmet healthcare needs. The workgroup will plan to meet on a monthly basis, a survey will be sent out to determine the best time for workgroup participants to all meet regularly. July’s meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday the 27th.

Following the presentation workgroup members discussed how to get started on a few of the tasks the workgroup has before them. Several suggestions were presented and the use of talking points, how to identify needs throughout the state, where and how these community services impact different populations, where the direct links are between CHEMS and primary care clinics, and various funding options for these plans. These are major goals and initiatives
that the workgroup is working towards achieving and before the next workgroup meeting there will be an ongoing discussion on how to achieve these goals.

There being no further business Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm