

Common Credentialing Advisory Group

Meeting Summary

October 2, 2013, 2:30-4:30pm

Committee Members in Attendance

Debra Bartel

Mike Bond

William Donlon

Larlene Dunsmuir *by phone*

Denal Everidge

Andre Fortin

Kathleen Haley

Shannon Jones *by phone*

Joan Sonnenburg

Dennis Baughman *by phone*

Nancy DeSouza

Erick Doolen

Tooba Durrani

Kevin Ewanchyna *by phone*

Stephen Godowski

Rebecca Jensen

Michelle Murray *by phone*

Jean Steinberg

Committee Members not in Attendance

Laurence Sharp

OHA Staff in Attendance

Melissa Isavoran (OHA/OHPR)

Jeanene Smith (OHA/OHPR)

Margie Fernando (OHA/OHPR)

Also in Attendance

Scott Gallant, Gallant Policy Advisors

Note: All meeting materials are on the CCAG Website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/Pages/ccag.aspx>

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Erick Doolen, Co-Chair for the CCAG, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Advisory Group. Introductions were made.

Overview of Senate Bill 604

Scott Gallant acknowledged the work that Mike Bond, President and CEO of PrimeCare, Inc. had started and asked Mike to give an overview of his role in the credentialing process.

Mike Bond provided a background and history of how the idea of a common credentialing process started and provided handouts for all the members.

Scott Gallant reviewed his role in the design process of Senate Bill 604 at the request of Dr. Bruce Goldberg. His role in the CCAG will be to assist the OHA in the consensus process of the implementation of the legislation.

Melissa Isavoran provided a background of Senate Bill 604 and the requirements that this Advisory Group will need to address. Melissa referred the group to a one-page overview of the background and process by which Senate Bill 604 came into effect. She reviewed the specific tasks that this bill asks of the Advisory Group, namely,

- Establish a credentialing program and database for all health care practitioners
- Convene an advisory group that includes credentialing organizations, practitioners and regulatory boards
- Develop rules on submittal requirements, the process of verifying credentialing information, and fees
- Issue an RFI to seek input from vendors on capabilities and cost structures
- Issue an RFP no later than 150 days after the close of the RFI
- Report to the Legislature periodically on implementation progress

2. CCAG Roles and Responsibilities

In order to carry out the tasks required of this Advisory Group, Melissa also provided a draft Charter that laid out the Authority, Scope and Timeline for the implementation of SB 604I. The charter will be revised as needed to ensure that the group is heading in the right direction.

Erick asked the group to review the Charter and provide their input to Melissa by email before the next meeting so that a final version can be agreed on by all.

3. Credentialing Efforts in Oregon

Ariel Smits, Medical Director at the Oregon Health Authority provided an overview of the work currently being done by the Advisory Committee on Physician Credentialing Information (ACPCI) in Oregon. This committee was established by [House Bill 2144 \(1999\) \(pdf\)](#), to develop the uniform applications used by hospitals and health plans to credential and re-credential practitioners within the State of Oregon. The ACPCI has agreed to assist the CCAG in a technical advisory capacity to build from the current application they manage and recommend additional credentialing criteria that may be needed to support common credentialing for all health care practitioners, including telemedicine providers.

All the work carried out by this committee can be found on their website:

http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/ACPCI/Pages/about_us.aspx

Paul Krissel, representing the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLC), presented the history and background of OHLC's efforts to create a common credentialing system in Oregon. Paul's involvement began as a facilitator with the Administrative Simplification in 2008 where they recognized that a common credentialing system was an administrative simplification opportunity. The work since then involved researching and identifying the essential criteria, critical elements and the highest standards of a common credentialing system. It also included looking at what other states were using, specifically the State of Washington.

The OHLC has shared their materials on standards, their draft RFP, and Washington's RFP with the OHA. Melissa will provide copies to the CCAG.

4. CCAG Work Plan

In order to move the group forward towards the mandated compliance date of Jan 2016, Melissa provided a draft CCAG work plan. The first task of the group is to produce an RFI by January 2014. This group will meet monthly for the next few months in order to get this draft RFI completed within this timeline.

This OHA will also seek technical advice from subject matter experts and others, including the Office of Information Services within the OHA, for a systems perspective. The OHA will report their findings to the CCAG at each monthly meeting.

The group was asked to provide input on this draft work plan and submit any comments to Melissa via email.

5. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15. The next meeting date will be determined after a Doodle poll is sent to all members.