

Common Credentialing Advisory Group

Meeting Summary

November 4, 2013, 1:00pm-3:00pm
at Oregon Health Authority, Portland

Committee Members in Attendance

Debra Bartel (*By Phone*)

Mike Bond (*By Phone*)

Larlene Dunsmuir

Rebecca Jensen

Denal Everidge

Andre Fortin

Kathleen Haley

Shannon Jones

Joan Sonnenburg

William Donlon (*By Phone*)

Nancy DeSouza

Erick Doolen

Tooba Durrani

Kevin Ewanchyna (*By Phone*)

Stephen Godowski

Michelle Murray (*By Phone*)

Jean Steinberg

Committee Members not in Attendance

Laurence Sharp

Dennis Baughman

Kevin Ewanchyna

OHA Staff in Attendance

Melissa Isavoran (OHA/OHPR)

Margie Fernando (OHA/OHPR)

Also in Attendance

Scott Gallant, Gallant Policy Advisors

Susan Otter (for her presentation on the Statewide Provider Directory)

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

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

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

Erick Doolen, Co-Chair for the CCAG, welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Advisory Group.

2. Finalize CCAG Logistical Documents

Melissa began by reviewing the draft Charter and Workplan that was introduced at the last meeting. The only changes made to the Charter based on discussions and input from the group were:

- The Rule development has been moved up to April 2014 on the timeline.

Mike Bond asked Melissa to clarify the word “program” on the first bullet point on the Charter,

“Establish a credentialing program and database for all health care practitioners.”

Melissa clarified that a program in this sense will not be in conflict with a program that the Licensing Boards are required to do. It is a program only in the sense that Senate Bill (SB) 604 requires the OHA to identify the information that goes into the database and the process in which that occurs.

With no other changes, these two documents will be accepted for now, with the disclaimer that changes can be made as needed as the group moves forward in the implementation of SB 604.

3. Overview of Health Information Exchange in Oregon

Susan’s PowerPoint presentation is posted on the website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/ccagDocs/11.4.13%20Presentation.pdf>

Susan Otter, the State Coordinator for State Health Information Technology at OHA, provided a high level overview of the statewide services currently underway to support Oregon’s health system transformation. Phase 1.5 of their 2013-2015 plan includes six HIT/HIE foundational and high-priority elements that will support a Statewide Provider Directory.

The Statewide Provider Director will have, among other key areas, Licensing Speciality, Practice Affiliations, Payer Affiliations, Records, Demographics, etc. under its scope. Susan explained why the State is creating a Statewide Provider Directory and how it could relate to Common Credentialing. The OHA is cognizant of the correlation and will make attempts to align efforts where possible, such as the possibility of partnering in the Request for Information process under SB 604.

RFI Development Update

Draft List of Expected Health Care Practitioners

Melissa reported to the Advisory group that the OHA reviewed and discussed an initial list of commonly credentialed practitioners with its technical advisory group to further refine that list, and to assess initial needs of the credentialing entities. Based on that discussion, the OHA developed a draft list of expected health care practitioners to be included in the Request for Information design. The Advisory Group discussed the list at length and decided to add the following practitioners in the list to include in the RFI:

Pharmacists
Registered Radiology Assistants
Radiology Physician Assistants

This may not be an exhaustive list of all Health Care Practitioners that are credentialed. It was suggested that a crosswalk be done with National Accreditation entities to determine what practitioners they are requiring be credentialed by health plans and hospitals.. *The list of Expected Health Care Practitioners will be brought back to the Advisory Group.*

Melissa let the Advisory group know that the OHA will include this crosswalk with an assessment of accrediting entity requirements by credentialing element. The goal is to develop an informational tool that breaks down each of the credentialing elements by hospitals, health plans, and Licensing boards.

Kathleen Haley recommended the group read the book, "Blind Eye," by James Stewart, which tells the story of a doctor who slipped through the cracks of the system with terrifying consequences.

The group also decided it would be useful to define what "credential" means for this legislation.

4. Initial Discussion with State Licensing Boards

Scott Gallant reported on the initial discussions that he and Melissa had with the State Licensing Boards at their first meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2013. Among the issues they raised were:

- Differences between large boards and small boards
- What information do we need to collect
- Static information vs information that changes
- How long and how often does the information have to be modified
- Define confidential information – by state or federal law

- Define what primary source verification *is* and *is not*
- Marginal disciplinary action
- Attorney General opinions
- Background checks

The next meeting with the Licensing Boards will be on Thursday November 7 from 1-3pm at the Portland State Office Building, Room 1C.

5. Public Comment

Patrick Braatz from the State Board of Dentistry wanted to stress that in Oregon, all Licensing Boards do primary source verification. He does not understand why credentialing organizations have to re-do this verification once it has already been done. He would prefer that this group discusses what additional information is required and not duplicate the work of the Licensing Boards.

6. Next Steps and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:00. Next meeting will be on December 2, 2013 in Salem.