

Child and Family Well-Being Measures Workgroup

Meeting Summary

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Members present: Helen Bellanca (Co-Chair), Tim Rusk (Co-Chair), Bob Dannenhoffer, Aileen Alfonso Duldulao*, R.J. Gillespie, Martha Lyon*, Alison Martin, T.J. Sheehy, Bill Stewart, Katherine Pears*, Janet Carlson*, Pooja Bhatt*

Members absent: Cade Burnett, Donalda Dodson, Andrew Grover, Matthew Hough, Sujata Joshi, Carla McKelvey, , Teri Thalhofer, Peter Tromba.

Staff and consultants: Michael Bailit*, Sarah Bartelmann*, Margaret Braun (OYA), Leslie Carver, Maria Castro, Anna Cox*, Charles Gallia, Dana Hargunani, Michael Joseph*, Rita Moore*, David Mandel (ELD)*, Jenn Uhlman.

* *present by phone*

The workgroup agreed unanimously to **adopt** the March meeting minutes with one minor change: Alison Martin attended in person, not on the phone.

The focus of the meeting was to reach consensus on a recommendation to the Joint Policy Committee of the Early Learning Council/Health Policy Board for a Kindergarten Readiness (KR) bundled measure to be proposed to the Metrics and Scoring Committee for adoption as a CCO incentive measure.

Kindergarten Readiness Discussion

Three potential recommendations were presented to the workgroup:

Option 1: Health-care focused, limited elements (see PPT slide#6)

1. Vision normal or corrected
2. Hearing normal or addressed
3. Immunizations up to date
4. Dental exam with no active decay
5. Children with a special health care need have a cross-system, family-centered, actionable shared care plan in place.

Option 2: Same elements in #1 PLUS Kindergarten Assessment (Slide #7)

1. Children have behavior that facilitates learning (CBRS)
2. Children have literacy skills
3. Children have numeracy skills

Option 3: Same as #1 + #2, PLUS Parent/Caregiver Health concerns (depression/substance use/domestic violence)

1. Parent/caregiver assessed for depression
2. Parent/caregiver assessed for substance use disorder
3. Parent/caregiver assessed for domestic violence

5 additional items considered for inclusion:

- Screen children for food insecurity/hunger
- Well-child check
- Developmental screen
- Early literacy support

- Social-emotional development screen

The three bundled options summarized alternative bundled sets that had been proposed during previous meetings. The five additional items had been the subject of considerable discussion previously, but no decision had yet been made about whether to include them in the KR bundle. Following discussion, the group decided by consensus to add three of the five items to Option #1:

- Food Insecurity
- Developmental Screening
- Well-Child Checks

The other items (Early Literacy Support, Social-Emotional Development Screening, and Pre-Kindergarten Attendance) were not included. Although the workgroup acknowledged that these are important factors, they were considered to be technical infeasible at present or in the near future.

Following that decision, there was a robust discussion of the options. There was general agreement that each of the potential components addressed a significant contributor to children's school readiness and that the bundles would be a major step in the direction of shared responsibility across early learning and health care. There was considerable debate, however, about the technical availability of the data and the feasibility of asking CCOs to comply with a large bundle.

The bundle reflects the workgroup's consistent preference for outcome measures rather than process measures (e.g., not only that a child's vision has been checked, but also that any deficits have been corrected). It was acknowledged that data on most of these components are not currently available, since claims data would be insufficient. Most of the components would have to be health-records based and, therefore, would be developmental. Nevertheless, the group consensus was that the potential of a bundled kindergarten readiness measure to transform how we serve children warranted an unconventional solution.

At the end of the meeting, it was determined that some additional work on the bundle options was needed before the group could make a definitive decision. A survey was completed by workgroup members the following week to clarify the specifics of the bundle. Fourteen workgroup members responded, with 13 supporting the proposed bundle. Since one member expressed concerns, we did not reach a final consensus. Therefore, the proposed bundled measure was presented to the ELC/OHPB Joint Policy Subcommittee on April 23 as an intermediate, majority recommendation for a phased-in **Kindergarten Readiness Bundle Measure** with the following components:

- Well child checks are up to date
- Vision is normal or corrected
- Vision is normal or corrected
- Hearing is normal or addressed
- Immunizations are up to date
- Dental exam with no active decay

- Children with special health care needs have a cross-system, family-centered, actionable shared care plan in place
- Screen for food insecurity/hunger
- Developmental screening has been completed

If feasible based upon technical review, also include:

- Parent/caregiver assessed for depression
- Parent/caregiver assessed for substance use disorder
- Parent/caregiver assessed for domestic violence

Suggested *application* of the KR Bundle includes:

- The measure should be implemented with a phased-in approach (see diagram below); the first year should be dedicated to developing measure specifications and not tied to an incentive pool
- Measure should be EHR-based instead of claims-based
- Measure should be an “all or nothing” measure, e.g. all components must be met to receive credit
- We anticipate that Hubs and CCOs will need to work together to meet all components of the bundle, but each CCO and Hub can decide which entity will be accountable for which components, and how they will comply with a standardized reporting mechanism on the bundle
- Measure should incorporate all three dimensions of the Kindergarten Assessment (once appropriate modifications have been made)



For more details, please see the full “CFWB Measures Workgroup – Interval Report” that is available on the Workgroup’s website (<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/Pages/Child-Family-Well-Being-Measures.aspx>).

Following the conclusion of the discussion of the Kindergarten Readiness measure, the Workgroup heard from Margaret Braun about two measures proposed for the Community domain regarding incarcerated parents. Since

there was not enough time to give adequate consideration to these measures, a decision on their inclusion in the library was deferred until the May meeting.

Public Testimony

There was none.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2015 10am-1pm

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