

Oregon Metrics & Scoring Committee
Minutes
August 19, 2016
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

ITEM

Welcome and consent agenda

Committee members present: Maggie Bennington-Davis, Will Brake, R.J. Gillespie, Ken House, Anna Jimenez, Jeff Luck, Thomas Potter, Daniel Porter, Brian Sandoval, Juanita Santana, Eli Schwarz, Karen Volmar.

OHA staff: Sarah Bartelmann, Jon Collins, Sara Kleinschmit, Milena Malone, Jennifer Uhlman.

New Members

Three new Committee members have been appointed for two-year terms beginning this month: Anna Jimenez, medical director at FamilyCare CCO; Brian Sandoval, primary care behavioral health program manager at Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic; and Karen Volmar, clinical associate professor of health management and policy at Oregon State University.

Recognition

OHA staff presented certificates of appreciation to the three outgoing Committee members, Maggie Bennington-Davis, R.J. Gillespie, and Jeff Luck; they spoke about their experiences on the Committee, and encouraged continuing Committee members to continue innovating.

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The Committee approved the July 15th meeting minutes.

Vice-Chair Elections

The Committee will elect a vice-chair as per the bylaws in September. Eli Schwarz and Will Brake expressed their interest in the position.

Updates

Waiver renewal

The Medicaid demonstration waiver renewal application was submitted in July and can be found online at <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPB/Pages/health-reform/cms-waiver.aspx>.

Hospital Performance Metrics Advisory Committee

The Committee will next meet in September to select the Year 4 benchmarks (date TBD), and work continues to develop a metric for opioid prescribing in emergency departments.

Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB): Accountability Metrics Subcommittee

The Subcommittee is reviewing existing measures to determine applicability to governmental public health. Committee members expressed their interest in opportunities for alignment and de-duplication of effort across systems, as well as any possible alignment with Oregon Department of Education regarding accountability metrics for schools.

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Behavioral Health Collaborative

OHA has convened behavioral health stakeholders to discuss how to improve Oregon's Behavioral Health System with an emphasis on cross-agency collaboration and improved health outcomes. OHA is also working with Ben Miller from University of Colorado to help use data to drive change. The Committee requested standing updates on the Behavioral Health Collaborative work.

Public Testimony

Jennifer Johnston, Director of Health Strategy for PrimaryHealth of Josephine County CCO, submitted written testimony to share concerns regarding the benchmark for the Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness measure.

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/MetricsDocs/Public-testimony-primaryhealth.pdf>

The Committee recognized these concerns and will consider the issue of measures with small denominators as well as the right measure(s) for mental health at future meetings.

2017 Benchmark Select

The Committee reviewed 2017 benchmark options for several measures:

Childhood Immunization Status

While the Committee selected a 2017 benchmark at their July meeting, the staff recommendation for the improvement target was incorrectly listed as a 3 percentage point floor. To keep the improvement target aligned with 2016, the improvement target should be a 2 percentage point floor. The Committee confirmed this correction.

Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness

The Committee postponed benchmark selection in July while waiting for OHA staff to determine whether the measure needed to be "re-based" after national specifications changed. OHA will be re-basing the measure. After discussion of options and outlier performance from small CCOs, the Committee selected the 75th percentile of CY 2015 CCO performance (rebased, 82.7%) as the 2017 benchmark.

Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Enrollment

The Committee reviewed options for calculating the PCPCH measure, given the change to the new standards in 2017. Discussion included:

- Whether OHA staff will be able to conduct the site visits needed to achieve 5 STAR recognition in time to affect 2017 measure performance;
- Whether removing Tier 1 from the measure formula will help incentivize CCOs / providers given how few clinics are recognized at Tier 1 presently, and/or whether Tier 2 should be removed from the measure in the future (e.g., CY 2018); and
- Whether there is any overlap with the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) initiative.

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The Committee agreed that Tier 1 should not count toward the PCPCH measure in 2017, that the measure formula should still give weight to higher tiers of recognition, and that the new measure formula should give the most benefit to moving clinics to 5 STAR status, with the caveat that it may take time for all site visits to be completed. Staff will work with the PCPCH program and the Metrics Technical Advisory Workgroup on options and will follow up with the Committee via email (or phone call if needed).

2018 Measure Selection Workplan

The Committee reviewed a proposed work plan to review all areas of interest leading up to 2018 measure selection. The proposed schedule is available online:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/analytics/MetricsDocs/2018-Measure-Selection-Workplan.pdf>

Committee discussion included:

- Behavioral health needs to be included (tentatively in January, when the Collaborative has finished its work);
- CPC+ measures and upcoming new metrics committee need to be included.
- When the 2018 decisions need to be made, given waiver renewal negotiations with CMS;
- Whether a stakeholder survey should be completed each year;
- Whether additional Committee meetings might be needed to address all topics in time; and
- When to discuss retiring any existing measures (tentatively slated for February).

Staff will update the work plan to reflect this discussion.

Review 2015 Metrics by Race/Ethnicity

The Committee continued its discussion on ways to use the incentive measures as a lever to help CCOs address health disparities, as originally proposed by former Committee chair Bob Dannenhoffer. In previous meetings, the Committee has considered whether any of the current measures are disparities-sensitive, as well as whether the goal of measuring equity would be to reduce variation between populations, or to improve across all populations. Committee members confirmed that their intent is to bring all groups up.

Staff presented discussion from the Health Equity Workgroup around a new option: selecting one or more of the current incentive measures and CCOs would only “meet” the measure if all population groups met the benchmark or improvement target (the “all boats rise” proposal).

Discussion included:

- Avoiding unintended consequences or targeting specific patients inappropriately;
- Whether this approach would help CCOs develop culturally responsive strategies for each population to drive overall improvement;
- The role of the state versus the Committee in addressing equity through various levers;
- Where and how to allow CCOs flexibility in selecting an equity measure or population;
- What the criteria should be for CCOs to select equity measures or populations; and

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- Concern that Committee needs to take action earlier than 2018.

The Committee has not yet determined the number of metrics that may be implementing using the proposed equity methodology. The Committee agreed that CCOs should be asked which measures should be chosen for measuring equity; staff will survey CCOs and provide this information to support continued Committee discussion and decisions about measuring equity for 2018.

2017 Challenge Pool

The Committee reviewed the 2016 challenge pool measures and discussed whether any modifications should be made for the 2017 challenge pool, including potentially replacing the Diabetes: HbA1c Poor Control measure with the Effective Contraceptive Use measure or the Assessments for Children in DHS Custody measure. The Committee also considered clinic perspectives regarding the Effective Contraceptive Use measure, and did not reach a decision about the 2017 challenge pool measures. The Committee will revisit this topic in September.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2016

Agenda items will include selecting the 2017 challenge pool measures, an introduction to the Kindergarten Readiness measure, and additional information on potential medication / pharmacy related measures.