

MINUTES

Members Attending

X Claudia St. Clair, Chair	Ginger Kwan	X Thomas Trompeter
X Joan Brewster	Heather Milliren	X Kyle Yasuda, MD
X Sylvia Gil	Maria Nardella	X Jerry, Yorioka, MD
X Michael Hassing	Christina Peters	
Amanda Kost	X Dean Riskedahl, OD	

HCA Staff

Dorothy Teeter	X Preston Cody	X Tamarra Paradee
X MaryAnne Lindeblad	Mary Wood	Jen Becker
Dan Lessler, MD	X Amy Blondin	X Carl Yanagida
Charissa Fotinos, MD	Cheryl Moore	

Guests

X Bob Perna	X Joana Ramos	X Andrew Busz
X Daniel Gross	X Joan Zaran	X Hugh Ewart

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The November 21, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Retreat Follow Up

In *Jen Becker's* absence, *MaryAnne Lindeblad* shared some retreat updates:

- We are still testing our agenda development process, and will do so thru March. We will discuss what worked well, and what didn't, at our in person meeting on March 20, 2015.
- At the March 20, 2015 meeting, we will take a deeper dive into three of our action items from the retreat:
 - Regularly re-visiting "what does the team want to hear"?
 - Goal setting as a group.
 - Identification of breakthrough opportunities to focus on as a team.
- The team also wanted to have regular updates about Health Care Authority Quarterly Target Reviews, and *Preston Cody* will give the updates.

Quarterly Target Reviews

Preston Cody shared that the Health Care Authority's first Quarterly Target Review was successful. At the November 21, 2014 meeting, Preston shared with the committee the agency's fundamental map. There are 53 measures on the Fundamentals Map and we reported out on 20 measures. Overall the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) was pleased with the results. ELT members were given one minute to present on their measure if it was in the green and three minutes to present if it was in the yellow or red. Preston gave the Committee an example of a measure that was presented. There are still many measures that need to be activated and those will occur in the next three Quarterly Target Reviews. Quarterly Target Reviews will be a regular agenda item on our Committee agendas in the future and *Preston Cody* will be the presenter. *Tamarra* will email the Fundamentals Map and measures to the Committee.

Apple Health Enrollment Update

MaryAnne shared that Washington Apple Health clients have begun renewing their benefits automatically. In December, 62 percent had renewed. For those clients that do not need to update their information manually, we are over 80 percent. Enrollment is going strong; however there will be Washington State residents who will no longer be eligible for Medicaid benefits. The state is way ahead of where we expected to be in January 2015. The state's uninsured rate is 14 percent pre Medicaid Expansion and currently at 8 percent. *Tamarra* will email the most current version of the enrollment report to the Committee.

Legislative Update:

MaryAnne talked about the three Medicaid related Health Care Authority 2015 Agency Request Legislation that was submitted to the Legislature:

1. Medicaid managed health care system payments to out-of-network (nonparticipating) providers.
2. Tax and assessment exemptions for the HealthPath Washington Program (joint request with the DSHS).
3. Maintaining the Hospital Safety Net.

Tamarra will email the one page Agency Request Legislation document to the Committee.

MaryAnne shared that so far this Legislative Session; there have been a lot of hearings and tons of bills. One of the hot bills for the Health Care Authority is the Children's Mental Health bill.

Dorothy Teeter, Nathan Johnson, and MaryAnne have been meeting with Legislators to discuss:

- HCA Update on Healthier WA.
- HCA Priorities for 2015 Legislative Session.
- HCA Update on Affordable Care Act implementation.

Tamarra will email the materials that are being discussed and given to the Legislators to the Committee.

Governor's Budget:

Carl Yanagida presented for Thuy Hua-Ly on the Governor's budget. The Governor's budget had a number of items that help to support the Health Care Authority workforce:

- **Improve Call Center Performance (39.7 FTEs):**
Funding is proposed to address the increasing customer service phone call volumes due to Medicaid expansion and the restoration of the adult dental benefits.
- **Improve Post ACA Eligibility Response (30.2 FTEs):**
Additional funding and staff are proposed for Medicaid Eligibility Determination Services activities that support client access to health care coverage.

It also had a number of items related to hospitals, physicians, and treatments:

- **Improve the Efficacy of Hepatitis C Treatment:**
Additional funding is proposed to cover the cost of new, promising pharmaceuticals that greatly improve the success rate of hepatitis C treatment and the quality of life for patients receiving treatment.
- **Primary care physician rate:**
Build primary care provider capacity in rural communities by holding Medicaid primary care payments at Medicare rates, which was part of the Affordable Care Act and set to expire this month.
- **Continue Hospital Safety Net:**
Reduced state funding is proposed by extending the Hospital Safety Net Program, which collects assessments from hospitals to fund various Medicaid hospital services. This provides significant additional federal funds to Washington. The program is scheduled to end July 2019; it would become permanent under this proposal.

Tamarra will email the survey work that the Health Care Authority did with the University of Washington on the Physician Rate Increase.

Agenda Planning for March 20 Meeting

Agreed upon agenda topics include:

- Retreat Follow-up:
 - Revisit "what does the team want to hear"
 - Goal setting
 - Identification of breakthrough opportunities to focus on as a team
 - Overview of gallery work
- Healthier Washington Update
- Legislative Update
- 1115 Waiver (NGA Grant) Update

- Medicaid Plan Selection
- Enrollment Update
- Quarterly Target Reviews
- HealthPath Washington Update
- HCA/HBE Memorandum of Understanding
- Agenda planning for May 22 Conference Call

Action Items

- Tamarra will email the Fundamentals Map and Measures to the Committee.
- Tamarra will email the most current version of the Enrollment Report to the Committee.
- Tamarra will email the one page Agency Request Legislation document to the Committee.
- Tamarra will email the materials that are being discussed and given to the Legislators to the Committee.
- Tamarra will email the survey work that the Health Care Authority did with the University of Washington on the Physician Rate Increase.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24.