

Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council

Friday, June 8, 2007 Summative Minutes of Meeting-DRAFT

Members present: Dr. Robert Keller, Becky Martins, Frank Johnson, Dr. Stephen Gefvert, Maureen Kenney, Dr. Kathy Boulet, and David White. Maureen Booth of the Muskie School of Public Service, Brenda McCormick of MaineCare, Al Prysunka of the Maine Health Data Organization, Dr. Josh Cutler of the Maine Quality Forum, Chris McCarthy of the Maine Quality Forum.

Co-chair Dr. Robert Keller brought the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Minutes

The Advisory Council did not have a quorum so the May minutes will be brought to the council at the July meeting.

Dirigo Update

Dr. Josh Cutler reported that the Supreme Court upheld the lower courts approving decision regarding the Savings Offset payment.

Legislative Update

Chris McCarthy reported that Chapter 270 passed on the floor vote and is now going onto the Governor for his signature.

The Chapter 270 amendment of the Nurse Satisfaction Survey is a resolve. This will need to have a decision made by the Advisory Council when specifications come in.

Global claims have been carried over until the next legislative session.

Chapter 270

Dr. Cutler began the discussion regarding Chapter 270.

Chris McCarthy stated that the AMI, heart failure, pneumonia, HAI, CMS, and NSI metrics will all be available on the website and MQF will send out to each member to look at. There are 5 quarters of CMS, AMI, heart failure, and pneumonia data to look at and 3 quarters of NSI data with the 4th quarter data just coming in.

Susan Schow of the Maine Health Data Organization added that the long term facilities would like to look at pressure ulcer data. If they would like to look at patient specific then MHDO would need to expand their pressure ulcer data.

Becky Martins asked about data concerned with merca. This data is normally supplied by the hospitals. The role considered for the MQF AC is going to be to extend to the CDC whether this should left to infection control or is this something the MQF could work on.

Chris McCarthy asked the Advisory Council what areas the MQF should look at, regarding Chapter 270, in which metrics should be measured. Some suggestions that Mr. McCarthy suggested were:

- Home Health
- Mental Health
- Specialty Care (i.e. cancer)

Dr. Gefvert and Maureen Kenney both added that some of the leg work has probably already been done regarding other metrics and the data collected and they may just need updating.

Dr. Cutler asked if this would be a priority for the council.

Dr. Gefvert believes it will be valuable while Ms. Kenney is not sure if the committee has looked at any other data yet to make it a priority.

Brenda McCormick added that chronic and preventative measures for out-patient type data is something that should be looked at and put out on the website. Many groups are getting information and the need is there for all of this information to be brought together.

Dr. Keller asked how the result and priorities of measures compare from the previous state health plan to the updated health plan.

The group decided that it would be best to have Trish Riley of the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance speak to the council on this issue.

A consensus was not made on where to proceed with Chapter 270.

Dr. Cutler stated that he hopes to use Chapter 270 as an instrument to use to look at data and to add new measures. He asked the council to think about metrics and what they may want to use in the future.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Dr. Keller adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.