

In a Heartbeat Metrics and Data Conference Call
Monday, September 25, 2006
Teleconference Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Workgroup members in attendance: Dr. Bud Kellett, Ms. Susan Horton, Ms. Kim Tierney and Mr. David White.

Protocol subcommittee: Dr. Larry Hopperstead, Dr. William Phillips, and Dr. Peter ver Lee.

Not able to attend: Dr. Rick Chandler, Ms. Darlene Glover and Ms. Sandy Parker, Esq.
MQF staff: Mr. Christopher McCarthy, and Ms. Tish Tanski

MINUTES:

Data: Mr. Christopher McCarthy reported that the Attorney General has reviewed the data collection process that MQF had proposed and believes that the process meets HIPAA requirements. MQF would hire a HIPAA-compliant contractor who would use patient identifiers to link records from the multiple providers in the chain of care and then provide the de-identified data to the project. The contractor would maintain business associates agreements with providers to allow submission of personal health information. IRB approval will be necessary.

The group also discussed the data element document prepared by Mr. Christopher McCarthy, suggested several changes, and asked that a new section be added for transport data elements. Dr. Kellett emphasized the importance of conforming as closely as possible to CMS requirements. Mr. McCarthy will revise the document and distribute it to the Metrics and Data workgroup for further comment/suggestions. Ms. Tierney will develop a draft data dictionary, which will be sent to workgroup members by email for comment/revision.

PCI Treatment Protocols: The workgroup discussed areas of agreement for treatment protocols, including establishing a standard for when primary PCI is the preferred treatment, when administration of lytics is called for, and whether to transfer immediately or wait and observe. Other elements include administration of medication, such as heparin and Retavase. Dr. Kellett will summarize those areas and distribute them to the workgroup for comment.

Mr. White asked the group to provide guidance on transfers as well. Dr. Kellett will work on a draft that is based on patient stability and send it to the group for comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Data and Metrics group is Monday, October 30 from 11:00AM-1:00 PM by conference call. Also hold calendars for Tuesday, October 31 from 9:00-11:00 AM for a follow-up conference call.

MQF may also schedule another meeting in the event that workgroup members have significant comments/revisions to the draft materials on data element/metrics, treatment or transfer protocols.

All workgroup members should plan to attend the stakeholder meeting which is scheduled for November 9, from 12:30-4:30 in Florian Hall of the Maine Public Safety Building, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine.