

## KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative (KMMC) Meeting


Wednesday, September 14, 1:00PM-2:00PM

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**Attendees:** Aaron Dunkel; Anna Purcell; Annette Graham; Audrey Dunkel; Audrey Schremmer; Beth Nech; Carrie Wendel-Hummell; Craig Knutson; Ed Ellerbeck; Janet Williams; Jean Hall; Kimberly Anderson; Lucia Jones-Herrera; Lynne Valdivia; Michele Sumpter; Mike Burgess; Miranda Steele; Nick Wood; Noelle Kurth; Sean Gatewood; Steve Kearney; Tami Allen; Vincetta Baker; Wen-Chieh Lin

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**Welcome:** Aaron Dunkel started the meeting by welcoming everyone.

**KanCare Update:** Director Fertig was unable to attend the meeting but provided key updates in writing that Wen-Chieh Lin reviewed with the group. The Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration expires October 15, 2022, and may be extended by HHS an additional 90 days. HHS has promised a 60-day notice prior to ending the PHE, and no notice has been received. While the PHE is in effect, Medicaid cannot terminate eligibility unless certain criteria are met. Additionally, the eligibility team has been hosting meetings with stakeholder groups on the unwinding process and stressing to stakeholders to encourage members to make sure the Clearinghouse has updated information either through their MCO or the new KIERA bot  on the [KanCare](#) home page.

The update also covered the proposed CMS rule on Medicaid and CHIP eligibility. While KDHE is still reviewing the rule to determine the impact on the Kansas Medicaid program, the notice stated the rule is intended to “remove barriers and facilitate enrolment of new applicants, specifically those dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.” The final update from the state was regarding recent policy changes, for which information can be found on the KanCare home page, including the new one-page summary explaining expanded dental coverage. Effective January 1, 2022, certain optometry services at RHCs and FQHCs can now be billed. Effective April 1, 2022, the postpartum coverage extension took effect.

**Consumer Engagement Toolkit:** Miranda Steele informed the group that the toolkit is now ready for use. Miranda was asked to review the toolkit updates following changes to add slides that defined the measures and an additional slide with state updates/changes. Attendees discussed the definitions used, specifically around care coordination and case management, and it was clarified that the language used to define the measures came from the initial rounds of stakeholder engagement meetings. Miranda informed the group that the toolkit would be added to the KMMC website as well as sent via email with a link to the document.

**Cycle 3 Meaningful Measures:** Wen-Chieh moved the discussion to the next round of measures and reviewed the survey results discussed in the June meeting of the collaborative. After the meeting in June, the executive committee met to discuss the next steps and it was decided that if the group wants to move forward with the next round of measures to use this quarterly meeting to confirm the measures chosen and form task groups. The four measures with the highest survey results were disparities, access, setting of choice, and caregivers. Wen-Chieh asked for volunteers for the task groups. It was clarified the definition of caregivers does include paid caregivers. With this clarification, volunteers and names were given for a few individuals to reach out to for task groups. There was more discussion around the capacity of the KMMC and its members, as well as how to ensure that the KMMC work products are relevant and being used. The executive committee will discuss next steps October 4.

**Adjourn**