

KanCare Meaningful Measures Collaborative

December 14, 2022, 1pm -2:30pm

Meeting notes

Attendees: Aaron Dunkel, Sarah Fertig, Anna Purcell, Annette Graham Audrey Schremmer, Beth Nech, Carrie Wendel-Hummell, Chris Gard, Craig Knutson, Daniel Goodman, Diana Lady, Sri Donepudi, Ed Ellerbeck, Jean Hall, Lucia Herrera-Jones, Linda MowBray, Lynne Valdivia, Mike Burgess, Noelle Kurth, Sarah Good, Scott Wituk, Tami Allen, Vincetta Baker, Wen-Chieh Lin, Michele Sumpter

Welcome: Aaron Dunkel started the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Community Health Worker (CHW) Measures: Aaron shifted the focus of the meeting to discuss measures for community health workers, providing background information on previous discussions held during executive committee meetings. The committee decided to form a task group to identify measures to evaluate the impact of adding community health worker coverage to Medicaid. Director Fertig mentioned that the state is planning to offer some form of coverage for community health workers, but they need assistance with measures related to the impacts, e.g., social determinants of health and outcomes.

During the discussion, several questions were asked about community health worker (CHW) coverage. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is looking to add a new code that providers could use to bill Medicaid for services provided by a CHW under their supervision. Doula coverage is being investigated separately. The policy team is still working on what type of providers would be included in CHW coverage. Payment for CHW services would be billed like any other Medicaid services. CHW pilots in other states focused on collecting Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) measures and metrics and quantifying the barriers. Specific time-based activities were preferred over global fees for care coordination. Finally, CHW services would need to be linked to a specific patient.

Task groups formations & next steps: Wen-Chieh shared the recommendations report template created for task groups to assist with their breakout discussions. The groups were asked to select a team lead and provide contact information to them for any correspondence and meeting scheduling. Wen-Chieh asked that someone from each group take notes and send those to himself or Michele to compile and share with the entire group.

CHW Measures	Disparities	Access to Care	Caregivers	Setting of Choice
Beth Nech	Anna Purcell	Audrey Dunkel	Annette Graham	Mike Burgess
Chris Gard	Noelle Kurth	Craig Knutson	Audrey Schremmer	
Daniel Goodman	Sarah Good	Diana Lady	Carrie Wendel-Hummell	
Sri Donepudi		Lynne Valdivia	Tami Allen	
Ed Ellerbeck				
Lucia Herrera-Jones				
Sarah Fertig				
Sarah Jolley				
Wen-Chieh Lin				
Diana Lady				

At the conclusion of the meeting, the task groups convened for the remainder of the time and were requested to share any meeting notes with KHI.