

KMMC DRWG Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2019, 11:00AM-12:30PM
Kansas Health Institute & Zoom

Data Resources Working Group (DRWG) Meeting Notes

Attendees: Melissa Warfield, Caitlin Fay, Susan Hood, Anna Purcell, Nick Wood, Aaron Dunkel, Noelle Kurth, Jean Hall, Steve Gieber, Kolloh Nimley, Audrey Dunkel, Mike Burgess, Lynne Valdivia, Robert St. Peter (KHI), Sydney McClendon (KHI), Wen-Chieh Lin (KHI), Kari Bruffett (KHI)

Agenda Item: Introductions & Next Steps

Melissa Warfield welcomed the group and walked through the agenda for the meeting, which included reviewing initial questions submitted by the Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) and draft criteria to assess the SWG questions. Warfield also provided an overview of next steps for the DRWG (*Figure 1*).

Figure 1. DRWG Work Plan

Task	Date(s)
Finish identifying existing data sources and measures	7/1-7/12
Apply assessment criteria to SWG questions	7/12-7/31
Submit assessment to the Executive Committee	8/1
Executive Committee assigns initial priority questions	8/15
DRWG begins work on assigned priority questions (e.g., developing data/metrics, identify alternative or new data sources/metrics)	9/6

Agenda Item: Review Stakeholder Working Group Initial Questions

The group reviewed the 9 initial consolidated questions from the SWG and how they were created. The initial questions can be accessed here:

https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/14860/swg_initial_priority_questions_draft_responses_6-30-2019.pdf

In the document, KDHE, KDADS, KFMC and KHI had pre-populated existing data sources and metrics that could potentially address the questions posed by the SWG. DRWG members were asked to review the document and send additional data sources

to Wen-Chieh Lin (wlin@khi.org) or Sydney McClendon (smcclendon@khi.org) by the end of the day on July 10. KHI will compile the responses into a master document.

As part of the discussion, the group clarified that they are interested in exploring existing data sources that may not currently have data that is publicly reported or compiled. It was also discussed that gaps in data may be identified as the group compiles existing data sources.

During the conversation, working group members asked the following questions (among others):

- How was the consumer engagement conducted by the SWG, and how was information utilized?
 - Three organizations participating in the SWG agreed to ask a set of standard questions to consumers. The questions and process were developed by the SWG design team, and consumer answers to the questions informed the initial priority questions of the SWG. The full consumer engagement pilot results can be found here: https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/14860/2019.05.17_consumer_engagement_pilot_themes.pdf
- How does the previous pilot measures work fit with the SWG initial priority questions?
 - The pilot measures were an opportunity to gain clarification on the data specifications behind a few metrics of interest to the SWG. A similar process around data specification will be conducted by the group after the Exec. Committee decides which of the SWG's initial questions the DRWG will pursue first.

DRWG members also expressed concern over losing the specificity of individual questions submitted by SWG members by focusing on the consolidated questions. This was acknowledged as an important question to discuss, but a question that may be better suited in the SWG. It was acknowledged that the work of the DRWG will become increasingly technical and data-focused moving forward.

During discussion, it was suggested that it may be helpful for the group to revisit what information the state agencies currently report on KanCare. Previous presentations from KDHE, KDADS and KFMC to the KMMC can be found here:

- KDADS:
https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/14860/kdads_kmmc_presentation_10.29.2018_2.pdf
- KDHE:
https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/14860/kdhe_kmmc_data_inventory_update_10.29.2018.pdf

- KFMC:
https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/14860/kfmc_kmmc_presentation_10.2.2018.pdf

Decisions:

- N/A.

Action item(s):

- Send additional existing data sources to KHI by 7/10
- Compile all existing data sources into one document

Responsible party:

- DRWG members
- KHI

Agenda Item: Draft Assessment Criteria

Wen-Chieh Lin reviewed a set of draft criteria that the DRWG will use to assess the existing data sources that link to the initial SWG questions. The assessment of existing data sources will be used by the Executive Committee to further prioritize the initial questions submitted by the SWG. The criteria broadly focus on issues like data availability, feasibility, resources, etc. The draft criteria discussed in the meeting can be accessed here:

https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/14860/draft_drwg_criteria_2019.07.01.pdf

DRWG members suggested that the following criteria be added:

- Inclusion/exclusion criteria
- Sample size
- Level of data aggregation
- General data limitations

DRWG members were asked to submit any additional modifications/edits to the criteria by the end of the day on July 10. At the July 12 meeting, after existing data sources and metrics have been identified for the initial SWG questions, the DRWG will begin applying the criteria to the identified data sources. This process will help increase understanding of existing metrics.

Some DRWG members indicated that they had been considering some of the criteria already while compiling data sources. DRWG members also discussed changing reporting requirements for MCOs, which may include specifications about data and metrics that could be useful for the group.

DRWG members asked questions about whether it was within the scope of work for the group to apply the criteria to each data source, and also about who would generate data based on the final metrics the KMMC signs off on. DRWG members were encouraged to review the charter statements for a reminder of the scope of the KMMC effort.

Thinking of the work ahead, it was discussed that the group would like to eventually get to a summary variable or metrics that the DRWG could “approve” for each consolidated question.

Decisions:

- Modify the draft criteria document, as outlined above.

Action item(s):

- Review draft criteria and send additional edits to KHI by 7/10
- Compile additional edits and incorporate into draft criteria document

Responsible party:

- DRWG members
- KHI