

# IDAHO HEALTHCARE COALITION

450 W State Street  
Boise, Idaho 83720

## MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT: Idaho Healthcare Coalition Meeting      MEETING DATE: March 11, 2015

ATTENDEES:      **Members Present:**      LOCATION: 450 W. State Street, Boise

Dr. Ted Epperly, Denise Chuckovich,  
Richard Armstrong, Melissa Christian,  
Jeff Crouch, Dr. Keith Davis, Ross  
Edmunds, Tom Fronk, Lisa Hettinger,  
Deena LaJoie, Dr. Michael Mercy, Dave  
Self (Dr. David Pate), Dr. David  
Peterman, Dr. Robert Polk, Susie  
Pouliot, Neva Santos, Elke Shaw-  
Tulloch, Mary Sheridan, Larry Tisdale,  
Anne Wilde

**Members Absent:**  
Dr. Andrew Barron, Scott Carrell,  
Russell Duke, Dr. Scott Dunn, Senator  
Lee Heider, Bruce Krosch, Maggie  
Mann, Tammy Perkins, Karen Vauk,  
Janet Willis, Representative Fred Wood

**DHW Staff:**  
Cynthia York, Julie Wall,  
Carla Cerchione

**Deputy Attorney General:**  
Nicole McKay

**Teleconference:**  
Dr. Mike Dixon, Rene LeBlanc,  
Casey Meza, Carol Moehrle, Daniel  
Ordyna, Geri Rackow, Dr. Dave  
Schmitz, Lora Whalen

**Guests:**  
Danielle Davies MD, R-1, Phil Hardy  
(Strategies 360), Jennifer Obenshain  
(NASW Idaho), Catherine Libby (IDHW  
– Medicaid Division), Matt Wimmer  
(IDHW- Medicaid Division)



## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 11, 2015, Idaho Healthcare Coalition (IHC) meeting were accepted as prepared.

### Notes

*(Please note that all sub bullets below are intended to convey discussion during the meeting. Those sections that are prompted by follow-up, or vote are meant to convey action occurring or actions needed.)*

**Opening Remarks:** “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” –African Proverb

1. We have outgrown our space! Future IHC meetings will be held in the JRW Building, East Conference Room, 700 West State Street, Boise, ID 83702.
2. New members included: Deena LaJoie (Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics) and Daniel Ordyna (Portneuf Medical Center).
3. Guests included Danielle Davies MD, R-1 (guest of Dr. Davis), Phil Hardy (Strategies 360), Jennifer Obenshain (NASW Idaho), Catherine Libby and Matt Wimmer both from the Division of Medicaid.
4. Agenda items were reviewed.

### Discussion Items:

#### 1. Update on SHIP presentations and discussions with other stakeholders – Dr. Epperly, Chair and Denise Chuckovich, IDHW

- Denise Chuckovich and Dr. Epperly have reached out to the following stakeholders:
  - Dr. Epperly and Denise provided presentations to:
    - Idaho Employers’ Health Coalition
    - Idaho Health Professions Education Council
  - Dr. Epperly met with:
    - Central District Health Department
    - Ada County Medical Society
    - House Health & Welfare Committee
    - Boise State
    - Boise City Club
    - IPCA Board of Directors
    - Idaho Rural Health Association
    - University of Washington Veterans Center
  - Denise provided presentations and attended SHIP related meetings:
    - Deena LaJoie from Leadership of Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Diabetics, who is now a member.
    - Idaho Caregivers Association
    - Daniel Ordyna the CEO of Portneuf, who is now a member.
    - Anne Wilde and IPCA in regards to self-funded employers and payment redesign.
    - St Luke’s primary care clinic representatives regarding participating in the SHIP

#### 2. DHW Report, including CMMI Updates – Denise Chuckovich, IDHW

- CMMI is extremely anxious to offer support with technical assistance. Technical assistance services are available through contractors and federal partners. To date,

the TA offered through these services is superb. Denise distributed a list of technical assistance opportunities available to grantees. If there something on the list that may be beneficial for our group, forward the request to Denise and she will work with Bridget Harrison, the Project Officer. The SHIP team has had weekly calls with Bridget and it feels very collaborative.

### **3. Health Division Update – personnel, CHW/CHEMS, RC contracts – Mary Sheridan, IDHW – Health Division**

- Public Health District Contracts – Mary Sheridan and Elke Shaw-Tulloch have been meeting with the health district directors to finalize the scope of work. They will meet the July 1, 2015 target date for implementation. Three focus areas for contract development are:
  - Convening and promoting the RC.
  - Supporting primary care practices in transformation.
  - Identifying needs in the medical/health neighborhood and connecting them to resources.
- CHWs – A CHW Committee Kickoff Meeting was held March 4<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately 60 attendees. Subject matter expert Carl Rush from the University of Texas, a leader in the field of policy and systems change to promote the employment and use of CHWs addressed the attendees. A project plan has been developed. The next step is a statewide assessment regarding the current use of CHWs in primary care settings. Current staff employed as CHWs will be identified to conduct key informant meetings. The next stakeholder meeting is being planned for June. Subcommittees focused on specific areas, such as education will be created to continue to move this effort forward.
- CHEMS – House Bill 153 will define community paramedic, CHEMS, and community health EMT, for Idaho. It passed the House and is in the Senate Health and Welfare committee today at 3 pm. Action items for this year include:
  - Identifying potential agencies for year-one.
  - Evaluating educational options.
  - Creating a high-level year-one plan.

### **4. Updates re SHIP contracts under development – IDHW Staff**

- SHIP Project Management and Financial Analysis Contract RFP – Julie Wall, IDHW
  - The Project Management and Financial Analysis RFP closed March 16. We are now in a “black out period”.
- SHIP PCMH Technical Assistance Contract RFP – Julie Wall, IDHW
  - This RFP is still in draft. The contract work continues to move forward.
- Data Analytics RFI – Cynthia York, IDHW
  - Scott Carrell is back at the helm for the HIT workgroup. And as was reported at the last meeting, the Department issued an RFI to ascertain vendors experience and expertise in architecting and building a statewide health care analytics system. The RFI was issued on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The closing date was this last Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 28 responses were received. Our next step is to review those responses and provide feedback to the HIT workgroup at their meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cynthia extended a special thanks to Sheila Pugatch in Medicaid who has assembled a team of 5 analysts from her Department who are putting together a matrix based on the questions asked in the RFP so the Department and HIT/Data Analytics Workgroup will have this information in a consolidated form to review. After that incredible task is completed, targeting March 25<sup>th</sup>, Sheila’s team will provide this to Denette Dresback, a HIT workgroup member who works for St. Luke’s Health System and has an extensive background in the

application and use of data analytics. Denette will take the information from Sheila's team and go through it and develop a summary or a gap analysis of what the HIT workgroup needs to move forward with the development of an RFP for these services. Denette will report this summary to the HIT workgroup at the next meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. SHIP personnel recruitment update – Cynthia York, IDHW**

- **Administrative Assistant** – Kim Thurston was hired. Kim has worked for the Department of several years and was an Admin in the Director's office. She comes with a lot of experience – She was Administrative assistance to DHW Board and she has helped with the SHIP since the time that Denise came on board with the Department. Her official start date was this last Monday and you will see her at these meetings from here on out.
- Over the last two weeks interviews have been conducted and offers made for the **Regional Collaborative Project Manager and the PCMH Project Manager**. The PCMH PM is responsible to track the PCMH contractor performance and deliverables, support PCMH model including goals, timelines and implementation strategies, and coordinate activities and facilitate communication among providers and contractors and other agencies. The top candidate was internal to the Department, comes with a wealth of experience in the PCMH model and accepted the offer; however the name cannot be announced the name today because the official paperwork is still under completion. The start date is 3/30/15.
- The Regional Collaborative Project Manager position is filled with a start date of Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. This position resides in Public Health and will report to Mary Sheridan. The RC Project Manager will provide overall project management to monitor all the work and activities for contracts related to the RCs and develop and implement the CHEMS and CHWs training programs. This position will work with the team to expand telehealth to integrate behavioral health and other specialty services in primary clinics and CHEMS programs. This candidate comes from outside the Department with an excellent background and education and is a certified project manager with ties to the community.
- Interviews for the Contract/Grants Officer position will begin next week and the Operations Project Manager position interviews will be following week. There is a good selection of candidates for these positions and Cynthia hopes to make the selection and get them on board by mid-April.

#### **6. 2015 Impact Assessment of Medicare Quality Measures Report – Jami Berger, Noridian**

- The report is not as useful as Noridian had initially hoped. There is a lot of data to sift through. Of the 700 measures, not even half line up with other programs. Size of the practice, population served and location were used to determine participation. Most of the data was the result of process measures which seemed to have the most buy-in.

#### **7. IHC Workgroup Reports –**

- SHIP Multi-Payer Workgroup – David Peterman, MD, Jeff Crouch
  - Anne Wilde from the Employers' Health Coalition of Idaho met with the workgroup. In 2011, 59.6% of Idaho workers were covered by self-funded plans. The workgroup is beginning to look at how to engage these self-funded healthcare plans in the SHIP. Anne will be pulling Self-Funded and Self Insured organizations together for an informational meeting next month.
  - Blue Cross provided a presentation on attribution. The other payer representatives provided additional information regarding their attribution processes.

- The April Multi-payer Workgroup meeting has been canceled. The payers will present how their payments to practices participating in the SHIP initiative would work at the May Multi-payer workgroup meeting.
- Telehealth Council Legislation Update – Cynthia York
  - House Bill 189, Telehealth Access Act, passed the house and received a do pass recommendation from the Senate Health and Welfare Committee yesterday. Representative Rusche sponsored the legislation and it is supported by the Telehealth Council. The legislation includes definitions of telehealth services, provider (licensed pursuant to Idaho Code Title 54), and the provider-patient relationship. The legislation requires the use of two-way audio and visual interaction to establish a relationship, and provides exceptions for this requirement if a pre-existing relationship exists, for call coverage and in an emergency. The Telehealth Council meets this Friday and may likely tackle reimbursement next.
- Health/Primary Care Integration Workgroup Proposed Charter – Written Report provided.
- Idaho Medical Home Collaborative – Written Report provided.

#### **8. Timeline/Next Steps – Ted Epperly, MD, Chair**

- SHIP PCMH Recognition Standards
- Next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2015  
JRW Building  
700 W State Street  
Boise, Idaho

There being no further business Dr. Epperly adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.