

PMAC Chronic and Acute Care Subcommittee Meeting #1
June 21, 2019
Meeting Summary

Meeting Attendees

Name	Title	Organization
Bonita Bobo	Program Manager	Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program, KY Dept of Public Health
Stephanie Clouser	Data Scientist	Kentuckiana Health Collaborative
Karen Ditsch	CEO	Juniper Healthcare
Amanda Elder	Wellness Coordinator	LG&E-KU
Faith Green	Director, Office of the Chief Medical Officer	Humana
Reita Jones	Diabetes Community Health Coordinator	KY Diabetes Network; KY Dept of Public Health Diabetes Prevention and Control

Meeting Items

Introductions

Each attendee introduced themselves to the group.

PMAC Portal Review

Stephanie Clouser introduced the PMAC Portal designed for committee members on the KHC website. In addition to the meeting resources and summaries that were already on there, this year, the PMAC Packet with measure information has been included in a clickable tab format on the portal itself. This should make finding resources easier and members always have the most up-to-date information.

Link to PMAC Portal: www.KHCollaborative.org/pmacportal

Password: kchms

Rubric Review

Stephanie went through the rubric and how to use it, as a refresher.

Current Measures Review

Subcommittee members used the rubric to discuss the chronic and acute measures currently up for review on the 2018 KY Core Healthcare Measures Set:

- Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0%) (NQF#59)
- Medication Adherence for Diabetes Medications (NQF #541)

- Statin Therapy for Patients with Diabetes
- Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease
- Controlling High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) (NQF #541)
- Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS antagonists) (NQF #541)
- Medication Management for People with Asthma (NQF #1799)
- Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge (NQF #97)
- Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Medical Attention for Nephropathy (#62)
- Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Foot Exam (NQF #56)
- Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Eye Exam (Retinal) Performed (NQF #55)
- Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment in Adults with Acute Bronchitis (NQF#58)

The committee approved the continued inclusion of a majority of the current measures. It recommended the re-evaluation of the following measures:

- Consider for removal:
 - Medication Adherence for Diabetes Medications (NQF #541) and Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS antagonists) (NQF #541)
 - There was much discussion around medication adherence and whether it should still be included in the core measures set
 - Adherence doesn't necessarily correlate with outcomes
 - The collection is manual and tedious, and doesn't necessarily provide value
 - A1c Poor Control kind of includes medication adherence, but are we getting the complete picture without it?
 - Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment in Adults with Acute Bronchitis (NQF#58)
 - Not a high priority for committee members
 - Questions about its value
- Consider for upgrade from "standard" to "high" priority:
 - Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Medical Attention for Nephropathy (#62)
 - Three of Kentucky's five health plans incent on this measure currently
 - Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Eye Exam (Retinal) Performed (NQF #55)
 - Four of Kentucky's five health plans incent on this measure currently

Potential Measures Review

The group discussed measures to be considered for addition to the 2019 KCHMS, including measures that were suggested last year but were not approved by the oversight committee and new measures that weren't established yet. This included:

- Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Blood Pressure Control (NQF #61)
- A measure of behavioral health for persons with chronic disease
 - Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (NQF #418) was discussed, but that's for the general population
 - Currently on the Behavioral Health measures set and likely to be approved
 - Committee members weren't aware of behavioral health specific to chronic illness population
- Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Testing
 - Although four of Kentucky's five health plans currently incent, the committee agreed that the value is in the results of the test (Poor Control measure)

Next Steps

The next and final meeting will be on July 9. In the meantime, Stephanie will send a worksheet of the measures up for discussion for committee members to assess and score. The results will be used at the July 9 meeting.