



Health Equity and Quality Committee Meeting
May 18, 2022
Meeting Summary
Transcript

Health Equity and Quality Committee Members in Attendance:

Dr. Anna Lee Amarnath, Integrated Healthcare Association
Dr. Palav Babaria, California Department of Health Care Services
William Barcellona, America's Physician Groups
Dannie Ceseña, California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network
Dr. Alex Chen, Health Net
Diana Douglas, Health Access California
Stesha Hodges, California Department of Insurance
Tiffany Huyenh-Cho, Justice in Aging
Dr. Edward Juhn, Inland Empire Health Plan
Julia Logan, California Public Employees' Retirement System
Dr. Jeffrey Reynoso, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
Dr. Richard Riggs, Cedars-Sinai Health System
Kiran Savage-Sangwan, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
Rhonda Smith, California Black Health Network
Robyn Strong, California Department of Healthcare Access and Information
Kristine Toppe, National Committee for Quality Assurance
Doreena Wong, Asian Resources, Inc.
Silvia Yee, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) Staff in Attendance:

Mary Watanabe, Director
Nathan Nau, Deputy Director, Office of Plan Monitoring
Dr. Chris Jaeger, Chief Medical Officer
Sara Durston, Senior Attorney

Sellers Dorsey Staff in Attendance:

Sarah Brooks, Project Director
Alex Kanemaru, Project Manager
Dr. Andy Baskin, Quality Subject Matter Expert (SME), MD
Ignatius Bau, Health Equity SME
Janel Myers, Quality SME

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions

(Transcript, P. 5-12)

Sarah Brooks, Project Director, called the meeting to order, conducted a roll call, gave an overview of the third Committee meeting, walked through the agenda, meeting materials, and Committee timeline. Alex Kanemaru, Project Manager, reviewed housekeeping notes for in-person and virtual Committee members and members of the public.

Agenda Item 2 – [Review of the April 20, 2022 Meeting Summary](#)

(Transcript, P. 12-13)

Ms. Brooks asked if there were any changes to the April 20, 2022, meeting summary. There were no changes or objections to the April 20, 2022, meeting summary.

Agenda Item 3 – Continued Discussion: Data Quality Expert Panel

(Transcript, P. 13-17)

Ms. Brooks gave a recap of the March 24 and April 20, 2022, Data Quality Expert Panels, introduced Kristine Toppe from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and Dr. Anna Lee Amarnath from Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA), and provided an opportunity for the Committee to continue the discussion from the previous meetings.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion on Measures and Disparities by Focus Area

(Transcript, P. 18-65)

Ms. Brooks outlined the goal and audience for the measures selected, the process for measure selection, guiding principles, focus areas, and how the measures for the Committee's review and discussion were identified. Ignatius Bau, Health Equity SME, and Dr. Andy Baskin, MD, Quality SME provided overviews of the prevention, chronic conditions, and mental health focus areas, including disparities for the mental health focus area.

After a robust discussion, the Committee recommended the measures below for each focus area.

Prevention Focus Area:

- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Breast Cancer Screening

Chronic Condition Focus Area:

- Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes
- Controlling High Blood Pressure
- Asthma Medication Ratio

Mental Health Focus Area:

- Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults
- Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness
- Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness

Agenda Item 5 – Break

(Transcript, P. 65)

Ms. Brooks commenced a 10-minute break at 2:51 p.m.

Agenda Item 6 – Continued Discussion: Measures and Disparities by Focus Area

(Transcript, P. 66-121)

Mr. Bau and Dr. Baskin provided overviews of disparities and measures for the substance use, birthing persons and children, and access focus areas, respectively. The Committee recommended the measures below for the substance use, birthing persons and children, and access focus areas.

Substance Use Focus Area:

- Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder
- Unhealthy Alcohol Use Screening and Follow-up

Birthing Persons and Children Focus Area:

- Cesarean Rate for Nulliparous Singleton Vertex
- Prenatal and Postpartum Care
- Contraceptive Care - All Women Ages 15–44
- Childhood Immunization Status (Combo 10)
- Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents
- Topical Fluoride Varnish for Children
- Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30)
- Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits

Access Focus Area:

- It was determined that while access is a critical component of receiving high quality and equitable health care, there are no measures in the access focus area that should be considered in the recommended list of measures. Rather access measures show up in other focus areas. The final report will include language outlining the importance of access.

Agenda Item 7 – Public Comment

(Transcript, P. 121)

Ms. Brooks asked if there was anyone who wanted to give public comment. There was none. Ms. Brooks noted members of the public may submit comments until 5 p.m. on May 25, 2022, to publiccomments@dmhc.ca.gov.

Agenda Item 8 – Closing Remarks

(Transcript, P. 121-122)

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022.