

## **Data Consortium Workgroup on Affordability and Sustainability**

### **Meeting Notes**

July 9, 2008

**Present:** John Cahill, LaVerta Greve, Gina Maree, Hareesh Mavoori, Sally Perkins, Rick Shults, Rachel Smit, Robert Stiles

**Workgroup members that not in attendance:** Larry Bruning, Doren Fredrickson, Tom Johnson, Fred Lucky, Allison Peterson, Jerry Pope, Elaine Schwartz, Michelle Sigmund, Tony Wellever, Ruth Wetta-Hall

### **Summary of General Discussion**

The discussion opened with Gina explaining that she had reduced the list of measures to those directly tied to cost and had also added measures from the HHS chart book that may work once data sources have been identified. The proposed approach for reviewing the list was to look at each measure and its merits and avoid identifying data sources at this point.

The findings from Florida, Massachusetts and Minnesota were discussed with the following highlights:

- Florida reports average charges for hospital discharges by principal payer
- Massachusetts makes adjustments based on income, which magnify the affordability aspect
- Minnesota (SHADAC) not necessarily cost or charge specific; did offer a profile of Kansas; provides sources of information which is helpful

The group then moved on to analyzing the list of potential measures. The following is a breakdown of comments or suggestions of each category from the list:

#### General State Health Care Expenditures

- Measures could be used as a comparison across states
- More 'big picture' measures

#### Medicaid and Health Wave

- Group discussed removing measures regarding percentage change, discussed the percentage distribution, and decided to leave them in at this stage and return to later as an option to reduce
- Specify waivers within measures
- Recommend Access work group to track enrollment

#### Safety Net Clinics

- Specific to funding of clinics more than services within clinics

- Tier 1 legislative funds, Tier 2 or 3 total state funds
- Remove measure regarding percent change
- Make aware that “consumer” within Safety Net Clinics section and “member” in Medicaid and Health Wave have different meanings at times
- Measures looking at FQHCs and RHCs were discussed

#### Community Mental Health Clinics

- Can obtain county fund sources as well as total state funds
- Remove measure regarding percent change
- Change measure with “total federal funds” to read “total federal grants”
- Change measure regarding “trend per consumer” to read “trend per uninsured or underinsured consumer”
- Discussed if substance abuse and MRDD funding should be included as a measure

#### Private Insurance Expenditures

- Remove measure regarding percentage change
- Identify Tier 1 as Total and Tier 2 as Division
- Define whether or not administrative costs are included in cost per member per month
- Remove
- Consistency among service categories across work groups

#### Health Insurance Premiums

- Add measure for average premiums for employers for an employee plus one
- Consider State Employee Health as part of average per member per month premium comparison

#### Cost Sharing for Consumers

- Measure regarding percentage of Kansans not seeking medical care due to the cost will need to be phrased consistent with what the question indicates
- Add State Employee Health as data source for average deductible (public programs)
- Remove measure regarding average total health expenses

#### Uncompensated Care

- Section will need to be very specific and defined
- Sally will research accuracy of hospital data and how it is reported

#### Public Health

- New Chair at KU Wichita School of Public Health is interested in local health department and county expenditures
- Public health funding is sometimes difficult to identify; will start measures for federal funding and state funding; local funding will need to be Tier 2 or 3

**Next Steps:**

- Gina will reduce list by based on meeting discussions
- Gina will present rough draft list of measures to the July 15 full Data Consortium.
- By end of July, Gina will send the revised list of measures to the workgroup.
- Workgroup members will be assigned specific measures to research for data options.
- Next full Data Consortium meeting is August 20.
- Meet again by the second week of September to solidify Tier 1 recommendations for the full Data Consortium. Please watch for meeting request.
- Final measures due to full Data Consortium by October 1.