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KHPA Medical Home Stakeholder Meeting

November 19, 2008, Eisenhower State Office Building 4th Floor Auditorium, Topeka Kansas
Minutes

KHPA Staff Participants

Dr. Barb Langner, Policy Director
Effie Swanson, Legislative Research Assistant

Guests

Dr. Michael Kennedy, Assistant Dean at the University of Kansas Medical Center

Welcome and Introductions, Dr. Barb Langner

- Dr. Langner opened the meeting and introductions were made by participants. The purpose of the meeting is to review the recommendations of the three subgroups and decide what the next steps should be.

Review of Sub-Group Recommendations, Dr. Barb Langner and Dr. Michael Kennedy

- The review of the Marketing and Communications sub-group began with an overview by Dr. Kennedy of a meeting that took place with a group of representatives of physician organizations in Kansas regarding the medical home model. During that meeting there was discussion on how to communicate the medical home model to physicians who are concerned about increased regulation of their practices. A comprehensive communications document will be produced by this group at a later date. The group may want to consider this document when deciding on the communications approach. Dr. Langner reported that the Marketing and Communications sub-group did not have any specific recommendations for the stakeholders at this time, but rather the sub-group wanted to ensure an accurate and consistent message was put forth. Participants discussed their thoughts and concerns on how the medical home should be messaged to various stakeholders and when the sub-group reconvenes they will work from these suggestions.
- The Guiding Principles sub-group recommended few changes be made to the Joint Principles document in order to preserve the utility of the document and avoid unnecessary confusion. The changes recommended by the sub-group included substituting the Kansas statutory definition of the medical home in for the first principle, and adding a preamble that emphasizes holistic service coordination, including mental health, dental and vision providers. Participants discussed further ideas for updating the principles, including clarifying issues of accountability, substituting the statutory language into other principles beyond the first, and possibly shortening the document. When the sub-group reconvenes, they will put together an updated draft for the larger group's approval.

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- Before the recommendations of the Pilot Projects sub-group were reviewed, participants discussed whether or not a pilot program was the right approach for Kansas to take with the medical home. The group was supportive of the pilot approach, but cautioned that there will be challenges, including the challenge of creating pilots that are replicable in other settings. There were numerous recommendations from the sub-group, including what types of practices and settings should be included in a future pilot and the need for special education and training for these practices. The sub-group also recommended using a modified NCQA scoring system that uses lower point levels with specific must-meet indicators. It was also emphasized that the pilot should not be expected to show short-term cost savings. Participants discussed these recommendations, and the sub-group will consider the discussion in their next meeting.

Adjournment of the Meeting

- The meeting was adjourned. Each of the three sub-groups will meet in January, and the larger group will convene again in either late January or early February.