

Minutes

PCCM Respiratory Health Subcommittee

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Participants:

Cathy Catrambone		Mary Miller (HFS)	Adair Galster (McK)
Maureen Damitz		Vicky Hosey (HFS)	Kathleen Warnick (McK)
Joel Massel			Caryn Jacobi (McK)
		Sharon Pittman (HFS)	Carrie Nelson (McK)
			Margaret Kirkegaard (AHS)

Discussion items

Item	Notes
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Carrie Nelson is a new member of the subcommittee since we last met. Dr. Nelson is the new Medical Director of the Your Healthcare Plus DM program (taking over for Rick Leary). Welcome to Dr. Nelson!
Chart Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kathleen provided an overview of the chart reminders project that YHP has been working on over the past six months. The project started with Diabetes and is now focusing on Cardiovascular measures. Chart reminders are specific to individual patients and delivered by YHP staff to provider offices. We have received a lot of positive response on this and have seen some positive improvements in the metrics.• YHP inquired of group if this could be of interest for Respiratory measures as well. All agreed that yes, that is a good idea.• Cathy shared that this sounds somewhat similar to some of the efforts around Practice Coaching in Primary Care, AHRQ initiative.• Cathy/Maureen both shared that their findings also show significant improvements are needed for these key clinical metrics.
ED Utilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mary provided update on ED Steering Committee that met last fall to discuss ED utilization and ways to improve.• Committee is now cataloguing current efforts and trying to identify new opportunities through YHP and IHC programs.• What about chart reminders for ED use? Group was open to the idea and we agreed to discuss further at the Steering Committee.
IHC Flu Efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Margaret Kirkegaard provided updates on IHC efforts about flu shot.• Did a blast fax to providers about flu shots last November.• Added message for clients to hear when calling into IHC call center.
Updates from Constituents/Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cathy reported on her work with EDs throughout IL. Funded by IDPH for Asthma surveillance in EDs. She feels providers may be more aware of guidelines but still need assistance in knowing what to do. 70 EDs were brought into the project last year and 1/3 participate in the phone collaboratives. Adair/Dr. Nelson to followup with Cathy to learn more and set up additional discussions.• Maureen gave some updates related to the Englewood projects. Guidelines are more complicated than ever and are difficult for PCPs. Connection between ED and PCP is very difficult.• Joel noted that on April 15th there will be an educational meeting upcoming. They are also adding an evaluation component to the GPS search engine.• Cathy noted there is an Asthma educational prep workshop on April 8-9th at Rush.• Maureen provided an update on the COPD State Plan. Legislative planning process continues, looking for increased surveillance. HB5150 did pass but has not yet been implemented. Working on electronic COPD resource center and additional coverage for smoking cessation.

Next committee meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anticipated for August/September 2010 (TBD)