

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES RESPIRATORY HEALTH ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Attendees:

Wendie Medina, RN	HFS
Kathy Moles	HFS
Pam Bunch	HFS
Cari VonderHaar, RN	Quality Manager, AHS
Kathy Ingram, RN	Quality Nurse, AHS
Vince Keenan	IAFP
Tammy Morris	Mobile Care Foundation
Joel Massel	Chicago Asthma Consortium
Cathy Catrambone	Rush Univ.; Asthma Project

Cari VonderHaar chaired the meeting. She welcomed all, and thanked them for their involvement. Cari also encouraged the Subcommittee members to extend invitations to participate on the Respiratory Advisory Subcommittee to their colleagues and other interested parties as appropriate.

BonusPaymentProgram-AsthmaDatafrom2010:

Cari reported that the payments for the 2010 Bonus Payment Program for High Performance were sent out to qualifying Illinois Health Connect providers at the end of July, 2011. The overall total of the Bonus program paid out to providers was \$3.7 million, with approximately \$590,000 of the total being paid towards the asthma measures, including the 5-9, 10-17, and 18-56 year old age groups.

The IHC Quality Nurses perform outreach, education and assistance to providers who may demonstrate a need for improvement in the asthma measure performance, along with all other bonus measures.

SmokingCessationMaterialsandPCPPromotion:

Discussion was held regarding the promotion of smoking cessation materials and programs to providers to assist them with patient engagement and referrals. Certain medications are covered by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. The Tobacco Quitline is also available for patient referral, as well as online services. IHC has considered including information in their enrollee newsletter, using information with phone "hold" messages, and targeted enrollee outreach mailings. Cathy Catrambone asked about dissemination to providers. She noted that she is currently working with an IDPH surveillance project to promote these same materials to emergency departments. Cathy reported that there are 190 emergency departments in the state of Illinois, and 120 of these initially engaged to participate, with 70 now actively involved to target with the project in Phase I. The other initial 40 sites will be targeted in Phase 2. The project is scheduled to roll out information to the

emergency departments within the month. Materials and referral forms will be made available in the emergency waiting areas. Cathy also noted that the mayor of Chicago has a vested interest in the major health initiative of smoking cessation. Cathy will plan to report on the project results at a future Respiratory Advisory Committee meeting, as well as share the emergency site listing with interested committee members to collaborate with targeted dissemination of materials.

IHCClientVideo:

Cari announced the availability of a client education video on use of the medical home. The video can be found at www.illinoishealthconnect.com home page, and can be downloaded or requested at no charge. The video is available in English or Spanish, and can be played per continuous loop in for waiting areas.

OtherBusiness:

Cari noted a reminder of the Chicago Asthma Consortium Fall Educational Meeting to be held October 11 at the University Center, Chicago.

IHC hosted a webinar in February, 2011 on “Strategies to Improve and Control Asthma” by Dr Paul Greenberger. The slide presentation is available on the IHC website.

Vince Keenan announced that CME programs previously available through Your Healthcare Plus are now located and available through the IAFP website, which is www.iafp.com . These include “Childhood Asthma” and “COPD”.

Tammy Morris announced that she is the new Mobile Care Foundation Director, and is excited about her position. She is looking forward to further involvement with this Subcommittee working with members with future collaboration.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.
Members will be notified of future Subcommittee meeting dates.