

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Breast Cancer Quality Screening and Treatment Board Meeting  
Friday, February 25, 2011**

**Members Present**

Dr. Bechara Choucair  
Anne Marie Murphy, PhD  
Dr. Melissa Simon  
Dr. Elizabeth Marcus  
Gail Briggs (Representing Salim Al Nurridin)  
Eileen Knightly  
Doris Garrett (Representing Linda Maricle)  
Elizabeth Patton, S.A.  
Sister Sheila Lyne  
Paula Grabler  
Donna Thompson  
Ruth Todd

**HFS Staff**

Julie Hamos, Director  
Sharron Matthews, Assistant Director  
Tracy Anderson  
Robyn Nardone  
Pat Frueh  
Ellen Amerson

**IDPH Staff**

Teresa Garate, Assistant Director  
Jean Becker  
Shannon Lightner

**Members Absent**

Dr. David Ansell  
Pamela Ganschow  
Dr. Gary Dunnington  
Adrienne White  
Stephanie Huston Cox  
Vicky Vaughn  
Terry Macarol

Director Hamos called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

Attendees in Springfield and Chicago introduced themselves via videoconference. Next attendees that dialed in by phone introduced themselves.

Minutes from the January 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Ellen Amerson, the Managed Care Organizations (MCO) Operations and Quality supervisor, presented additional information on the breast cancer screening eligible populations for the MCOs and the Primary Care Case Management program as requested during the board's last meeting.

Ellen also provided data broken out for specific age groups that she obtained from HFS's databases. She was unable to obtain data from the MCOs as they do not collect data by age.

The group discussed that obtaining accurate data can be difficult at times. As this Initiative goes forward, it will be important to develop consistent methodologies in order to collect reliable data.

Dr. Choucair offered that the Electronic Health Records Meaningful Use regulations should help with the problem of inconsistent and unreliable data.

### **State of Illinois Employee Health Plans**

Pat Frueh, Acting Chief, Office of Healthcare Purchasing, presented information relating to breast cancer screening and occurrences for the State Employees Group Insurance populations.

Based on the data, the Managed Care plans had a significantly higher screening rate. The group concluded that this could be a result of greater outreach by the Managed Care plans.

The group questioned whether Medicare eligible patients had been captured. Pat will check, but believes that Medicare primary services should have been captured due to deductibles and co-insurance. Medicare does not begin reimbursing at 100% until 2011.

Next item was how could state employees screening rates be increased? The discussion focused on whether offering incentives for screenings was appropriate, or should there be more personal responsibility required. It was agreed that incentives are appropriate when used to address real barriers that patients face, such as transportation, child care and work scheduling issues.

## **Provider Agreement Application**

Sharron Matthews presented for review the first draft of the Provider Agreement application package being developed for Medicaid providers that want to participate in the Initiative and receive the higher rate (Medicare level) for breast cancer screening services.

Anne Marie Murphy recommended adding the following to the Agreement:

- Providers must use the data entry system prescribed by the Department
- A timeframe for data collection
- Providers must also sign a data sharing agreement with the Consortium
- Cover letter should include very detailed information about the specific data and collection processes involved

Anne Marie Murphy also suggested using the entire questionnaire used by the Consortium as it has been tested and is more comprehensive than the one included for review.

Given that data would be submitted on an on-going basis entered via the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA) Web Portal, there was concern expressed regarding access by providers other than hospitals that will potentially be signing the agreements and providing the data. Anne Marie Murphy confirmed that other providers, such as radiologists would be able to use the IHA Web Portal to enter their data as well.

It was also suggested to change the wording of one of the provider participation requirements to: Schedule mammography services for Medicaid patients with the same timeliness as non-Medicaid patients.

## **Patient Navigation**

Dr. Simon provided an overview of a proposed Patient Navigation program for China Town residents which she has submitted for funding. She highlighted the importance of addressing diversity and cultural differences in the pilot designs as with her project.

Donna Thompson recommended that a " Tool Kit" be developed for Patient Navigation and posted on the HFS Website. She offered her expertise and technical assistance in its development.

Dr. Simon announced a webinar that would be hosted by NIH scheduled for June she thought would be of interest to the group.

Sharron Matthews gave an update on progress is being made in the development and designing of the Patient Navigation Pilots. One of the pilots will be in an urban setting, another in a more rural setting as per the legislation. The third model will include suburban areas and several other counties adjacent

and outside of Cook. Pilots are initially being designed separately. Thus far there have been 4 meetings on each of the facility based pilots (Mercy and St. Mary's Hospitals).

The next meeting on these pilots will involve a broader group from both HFS and IDPH and look at outcomes. The pilots will be implemented over a 2 year period providing services to Medicaid and the IBCCP female clients primarily from ages 35 to 64.

Director Hamos pointed out that In the future, Medicaid will be utilizing Care Coordination Networks. The PCCM program, Illinois Health Connect will be expanded. She emphasized that the goal of the pilot project component of this initiative will be to find out what approach works the best for patient navigation services to be integrated into facilities and networks for the different types of client populations and geographic locations across the state.

### **Proposed Legislation**

Anne Marie Murphy discussed new legislation proposed by State Representative Gregg Harris for which she has been providing information/expertise. The new legislation addresses the following:

- Cancer Clinical Trials
- Data Sharing
- Access to Mammography Films
- Access to Dental Services prior to Chemotherapy
- Physician Orders for Mammograms

Amendments are still being developed.

Assistant Director Matthews requested that in the future it would be best if the Board and 2 sponsoring agencies (HFS and IDPH) are advised as much as possible in advance of any new legislative proposals prior to their introduction in which members are involved.

### **Next Meeting**

For the next meeting scheduled for April 8, 2011, it was agreed that the agenda items would include : Information on the disparities data and services of the Chicago Department of Public Health; the data elements collected for the IBCCP; design details for the Patient Navigation Pilots; and review of the second draft of the Provider Agreement application package,

Director Hamos adjourned the meeting.

