



Oral Health Work Group Meeting

Meeting Summary, 10/25/2017

Support and Backbone Staff: Jennifer Brackeen - *CHOICE*, Christina Mitchell – *CHOICE*, Megan Moore - *CHOICE*, Shannon Linkous - *CHOICE*, Katrin Palmer - *CHOICE*, and Liz Arjun - *HMA*

In Attendance:

David Meyers – *Cowlitz Family Health Center*, Glen Puckett – *Arcora Foundation*, Heidi Zipperer - *Valley View Health Center*, Douglas Spingelt – *Seamar CHC*, Schelli Slaughter – *Thurston County Public Health*, Anna Guthman – *Harbor Kids Dental in Centralia*, Emmie San Nicolas – *Thurston County Public Health*, Lisa Piper – *Valley View Health Center*, Karen Lewis – *Arcora Foundation*, Amy Merrit – *Seamar CHC*

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jennifer Brackeen welcomed attendees and facilitated introductions. Jennifer then walked the group through the desired outcomes of the meeting which were to update everyone on announcements from the CPAA board and council, review requests for qualifications on Oral Health, and identify the path for addressing Oral Health outcomes.

II. Review Overall Work Plan and Recap Target Populations

Jennifer shared the latest update from the CPAA council and board. The decision was made to focus on 6 projects moving forward instead of 8 because there will be less funding available than originally planned.

The council ranked all of the projects by financial impacts, readiness to implement, the community need, and the criteria of addressing health equity. The two projects that scored the lowest were diversions and oral health. Diversions would be more challenging to move metrics and oral health did not have much overlap with other project areas. The board voted to no longer pursue Diversions and Oral Health as individual project areas.

Although Oral Health will not be an independent work group moving forward in the Medicaid Transformation, there was still a strong commitment to incorporate some metrics from Oral Health into the other project areas.

III. RFQ Oral Health Review

Jennifer then went through the RFQ's submitted that were specifically focused on Oral Health. The group went through and reviewed the RFQs to make suggestions and give feedback. The two RFQ's are available on the CPAA website for review.

The first RFQ reviewed was from Providence. Below are the suggestions and feedback:



- Yearlong residency program will produce three dentists per year - really want to focus on the need for oral surgeons
 - Shortage of oral surgeons and surgical needs
- Question around generating enough patients to support this type of program
 - Most referrals go to UW and patients cannot go that far due to time and travel
- Need more specificity on type of residency the program will be taking
- Oral Health could fit into pathways and care coordination project areas

The second RFQ reviewed was from Arcora. Below are the suggestions and feedback:

- Question around ICD10 codes and billing
- Codes that have universal meaning to all providers
 - Seamar is already starting with Dentrax
 - Dentrax does have technology of ICD10 codes built in already
 - FQHCs could bill and use ICD10 codes in system that they are already using and get paid for it
- Dentists have no form of communication to Medical Providers about not prescribing opioid to certain patients
- Could dentists be granted access to EDIE?
- UW clinic is back logged by a full year which means patients will end up going to the ER
 - ER visits is a metric in all project areas

The group had a discussion around different billing codes and how those could be transitioned to become more universal between Dentists and Medical Providers. They discussed ways that implementing new codes could help to track disease severity, opioid prescriptions, and many other factors.

IV. Implementing Oral Health Needs in the Medicaid Demonstration

- Oral Surgeons – as referral source for FHQC's
- Structure between ER, FQHCs, and Dentists
- Oral health can be incorporated into Behavioral Health and Addiction
- Solutions:
 - Education for providers - on Opioids
 - Resources for providers and dental community
 - Oral Health community aligns with Opioid Community
 - Potentially improve communication in information exchange that includes the dental community
 - EDIE, ICD10, Epic, ETC.

V. Next Steps & Closing

- Next meeting will be November 29th, from 9:15 am to 11:15 am
 - Mother Joseph Conference Room – 914 S. Scheuber Rd. Centralia WA. 98531
- More information around Maternal and Child Health and Care Coordination



- Include dentists in opioid education
- Gather information on Dentistlink and incorporate Arcora as a partner
- Review work plans tied to oral health integration