



CPAA Council Meeting Summary: January 11, 2018

I. Welcome and Introductions

The January 11, 2018 Council meeting of the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance was held at the Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center with more than 30 people in attendance. Executive Director Winfried Danke invited the Council and guests to introduce themselves, and then provided an overview of the meeting's proposed agenda items.

II. Announcements

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission recently approached the CPAA with a request to work with the YMPEP program to educate young drivers about the risks of driving under the influence. Staff is currently working on a formal proposal to participate in the program, which has a potential to generate up to \$20,000 in grant funding.

The CPAA Finance Committee has begun working on a Medicaid Transformation funds distribution methodology, and the Council will receive updates on the group's progress.

III. Financial Update

The CPAA ended the last fiscal year with a net surplus of combined operating and program funds, and has nearly \$6 million in net assets to cover the next four years of the Medicaid Transformation.

IV. Workgroup and Advisory Committees

Four workgroups will be meeting on Tuesday, January 30th: Bi-Directional Integration, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, Transitional Care, and Pathways/Care Coordination. The Opioid Response and ACEs workgroups will meet on Wednesday, January 31st. At these upcoming meetings, workgroup participants will refine target populations, discuss the upcoming state assessment, and begin the transition from project planning to project implementation.

Although the Oral Health project area is not included in the CPAA's 6-project portfolio, Council and workgroup participants agree that improving oral health is a critical part of improving the overall health of the CPAA population. Oral Health workgroup participants generated a set of recommendations for other workgroups to include oral health in their work:

- Care Coordination/Pathways
 - Care Coordinators can incorporate oral health as an individual pathway
 - Oral health education and preventative care for patients
 - Include an oral health assessment question into primary care screenings
- Opioid Response
 - IT solution to improve communication between providers and dentists, especially around opioid prescription
 - Include dentists in prescriber education and opioid prevention outreach



- Chronic Disease
 - Target chronic disease population because they are more at risk of oral health needs
- Maternal & Child Health
 - Integrate oral health education into home visiting

The next Clinical Provider Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th. Dr. Gushee has been elected to serve as chair of the committee.

The Consumer Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 9th. During this meeting, staff presented information about three more project areas and a public engagement plan, and participants generated some feedback for each:

- Transitional Care
 - CPAA will need to address the lack of transportation in rural areas
 - Tiny house community (similar to Camp Quixote model with onsite ARNP) focused on transitional care for the homeless population
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Control
 - Patient incentives for chronic disease screenings
 - Large screening events
 - Many supplies needed to treat chronic diseases are not covered by Medicaid (i.e. Flex pens which don't require refrigeration)
- Reproductive and Maternal/Child Health
 - Expand scope of home visiting services to include well child visits and immunizations
 - Incorporate Telehealth into home visits
- Public Engagement Plan
 - Recruit consumers by advertising on local radio stations, social media, and local bulletin boards
 - Grass-roots engagement at veteran centers, school campuses, fairs, medical clinics, community events, partner events, and community centers

The next Consumer Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11th.

V. Stipend and Mileage Reimbursement of Consumer Board Director

Section 8.10 of the current LLC Operating Agreement states that “Directors shall not receive compensation for their service on the Governing Board.” However, a proposed change in the operating agreement would allow an exception for the Consumer/Medicaid Beneficiary sector, since this person does not receive a stipend or mileage reimbursement for participating in these meetings from a third-party employer. The amendment would remove this barrier to attending meetings and encourage consumer participation.

The Council agreed unanimously to recommend this change in the LLC Operating Agreement to the CPAA Board of Directors. If the LLC Board approved the change, it will be up to the CHOICE Board of Directors to make the final decision at their next meeting on January 16th.



VI. Tribal Engagement Goals

Winfried shared three overarching goals for the CPAA to better engage with Tribes:

1. Learn about Tribal partners
2. Improve bi-directional engagement with Tribes
3. Ensure that Tribal populations are represented in the Medicaid Transformation

Staff are also working towards establishing a Tribal Committee, which would provide feedback to the CPAA along with the Clinical Provider Advisory Committee and the Consumer Advisory Committee. There is still an open invitation for a Tribal representative to serve on the CPAA Board of Directors, and for Tribal members to attend Council meetings.

VII. Medicaid Transformation Project Areas

Last year, the CPAA Board approved a 6-project Medicaid Transformation Project portfolio, with the option to drop up to two project areas before January 31, 2018, based on the Independent Assessor's feedback on the region's project plan. Since this deadline is fast approaching, Winfried asked the Council to reassess the number of project areas in the project portfolio.

Currently, the CPAA project portfolio includes the following six projects:

- Reproductive and Maternal/Child Health
- Bi-Directional Care Integration
- Care Coordination/Pathways HUB
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Control
- Opioid Response
- Transitional Care

Although final scores have not been reported, all feedback indicates that the CPAA submitted a successful project plan application. The Council agreed unanimously with Winfried's recommendation to maintain the current number of project areas. This recommendation will be taken to the CPAA Board of Directors who will make the final decision.

VIII. CPAA LLC Board Openings

There are currently three openings on the CPAA LLC Board of Directors: Tribal Government Services, Consumer/Medicaid Services, and Wahkiakum County Non-Clinical. The Board is currently accepting applications from consumer representatives, and there is currently one nomination for this position. Staff will be speaking to the Wahkiakum County Local forum this month to ask for nominations for a non-clinical representative. The Health Services seat on the Board was recently filled by Kasia Konieczny of Providence St. Peter Hospital.



IX. Intergovernmental Transfers

Savannah Parker, from the Washington State Health Care Authority, provided an overview of Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT). The HCA is recommending this strategy to all ACHs to help compensate for the large cut in design funds announced last fall due to insufficient state-matching funds. In order to receive the full financial benefit of this strategy, all nine ACHs must agree to participate.

An Intergovernmental Transfer is “a transfer of public funds between governmental entities, such as from a county or a public hospital to the state.”

Three IGT contributors have already been chosen by the state: University of Washington, EvergreenHealth of Kirkland, and Valley Medical in Renton. The IGT contributors would provide funds to the HCA, and these funds would then be matched by the Federal Government. The HCA would allocate this funding to the DSRIP pool, from which the ACHs draw down funds to be used for transformation work and Domain 1 investments. ACH approval of the shared Domain 1 investments would fund \$22.2 million in regional project investments over the five years of the Transformation.

The Council broke into small groups to discuss this strategy, and generated several questions. This discussion will be continued at the CPAA Board meeting to determine next steps.

X. Next Steps:

- Next Council Meeting:
 - Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 - Location: Mason County Public Works, Shelton, WA