

Cuyahoga Regional HIV / AIDS Health Services Planning Council

Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties

Jason McMinn, Robert Watkins – Co-Chairs



Quality Improvement Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Start: 3:01 pm

End: 3:57 pm

Facilitating Co-chair: R. Watkins

Moment of Silence

Welcome and Introductions

R. Watkins, QI Co-chair extended special thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery to fellow Co-chair, J. McMinn, who was recently diagnosed with Covid.

Approval of Agenda: August 19, 2020

Motion: C. Barnett Secoded: M. Robinson-Statler

VOTE: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Approval of Minutes for February 19, 2020

Motion: M. Robinson-Statler Secoded: C. Barnett

VOTE: In Favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

New Business

Review Committee Work Plan for Compliance

The facilitator shared the work plan on screen for the committee to outline plans. The committee was reminded of the tasks that are on schedule for this year, and that while COVID-19 has changed things, the committee must still address, at least, the mandatory items.

Directives – All directives were completed before the May 6th deadline.

Service Categories – This item is on the agenda today for committee to consider what services will be reviewed to consider whether to eliminate funding. The committee will also need to decide what information is needed to make the most informed decision and make sure consumers currently being service in the select services to be reviewed are not adversely impacted. This topic will be tabled for discussion later on today’s agenda.

Site Visit presentation – The Grantee reported there will be no scheduled detailed site visit as is done in normal years. According to HRSA, site visits are not required right now, due to COVID. The committee will have to decide how to proceed or if it should be postponed. It was recommended to postpone the site visit report.

Motion: To postpone HRSA site visit presentation, due to COVID-19, until next year.

Motion: R. Watkins Secoded: C. Barnett

In Favor: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

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Motion carried.

Review QI Portion of Grant Guidance – M. Rodrigo

Overview presented on screen to committee.

There have been no changes in requirements for Clinical Quality Management. A program will have to be in place and staffed by October. The former operations of the committee have changed and are now shifted to the projects itself. We are now in the second year, seeing less in-person and more virtual meetings, focusing on data, data improvement, and developing one-pagers to provide better overviews and to help uncover things that may cause barriers in order to improve their projects for achieving viral suppression.

The plan is online and open to people who are not part of the QI committee, and they will be looking at outcome barriers.

**Question:* Do you think it would be helpful to invite Providers to come and make a presentation of their COM projects at the QI meetings to inform the committee about their projects, and would you invited the providers on behalf of the committee?

**Response:* Yes, I think that is a good idea for future meetings.

Part A Service Category Review

For the Part A Service category review, the committee agreed to follow the 2018 model, to review the service categories with the lowest spending and client utilization. Base on the final 2019 utilization & spending Report, 1). Emergency Financial Assistance, 2). Home & Community-Based Health Care, and 3). Home Health Care were the service categories that met that requirement.

**Question:* What is the differences in Home-Based Community and Home Health Care.

**Response:* Home Health Care is health care services provided by a registered nurse in a home setting and Home & Community Based Care is any type of homemaking services involved with daily living and primarily provided by a nurse's aide, under the supervision of a registered nurse. Therefore, Home & Community-Base care cannot occur unless Home Based Care is provided as well.

The committee was asked to be mindful that the Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) category is somewhat of a safety net that provides bridge medicine for those who need short-term medication. It provides funding so people can maintain their medications, so as to eliminate lapses caused by failure to recertify for health care services or issues with service delivery that could result in loss of medicines and even more health and other issues for them.

It was noted that this type of assistance can also be easy to find on the health care exchanges/marketplace. Also, it seems now with COVID, more people are becoming more health conscious and are taking better care of themselves.

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In the last review, they chose the four service categories, looking at past prioritizations and spending trends chosen over several years. The uniqueness for these categories (Home Health Care & Home and Community-based Care), there is only one service provider for both. Other things to consider will be whether there other funding sources for these categories and/or if there are other available services to support these categories or whether there is room to consolidate services. These issues will factor in the committee's discussion going forward, as to whether there is an opportunity to reduce service categories and whether reducing service categories are still needed in the TGA. According to HRSA, there should be between 7-10 service funded based on the Cleveland TGA and currently, the TGA funds 14 services. Other similar jurisdictions fund a lot less than, we do.

Represent the TGA in Statewide Integrated Plan – Susan DiCocco

The July meeting was cancelled. Kate Shumake is the point person on the plan for ODH. HRSA has agreed to extend out the start of the next integrated plan, originally scheduled to be due in 2021. Due to COVID, States are still working on goals for current plan which now is extended to 2021. The due timeline for the next plan is to be determined. Meantime, Ending the HIV Epidemic (EtHE) is taking precedence.

Represent the TGA in the OH Needs Assessment Process – S. DiCocco

Vino – Still out on maternity leave, after the birth of her son, in May. According to S. DiCocco, some preliminary data was just received. A call occurred with Ohio University to go through the data, but it is not yet weighted or broken down by region. The hope is to have a statewide report soon, then the report will be broken out and a report will be provided to each Part A region. It should be finalized for distribution by the next three or four months.

**Question:* Will they break out separate reports for regions?

**Response:* Yes, a Part A regional report will be provided.

Standing Business

Agree on QI Committee work activity (if any) to be reported at Executive & Planning Council meetings

The committee will report the update on the Statewide Integrated Plan

The postponement of the site visit presentation

Consideration of service category for review

Determine formal CAREWare Data Request

None

Parking Lot Items

None

Next Steps

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The next virtual meeting will be September 16, 2020 @ 3:00 pm. The committee has postponed housing updates for now. However, as it is a HRSA directive from the prior year, the Co-chairs will discuss how to proceed, as well as get input from the next PAHA meeting on October 27th, to better address this at the next meeting. The housing initiative will be added to the September agenda, and the final decision on the housing initiative will be decided at that meeting.

Announcements

N. O’Neal – The Ohio Modernization Movement will hold a webinar on September 16, 2020 from 12:00-1:30p on The Interfaith Wisdom from the HIV Pandemic. Free Continuing Education Units (CEU) will be provided. The facilitator will circulate flyer info following the meeting.

M. Rodrigo – Reminded members of the Community Health Worker program, which is part of the Ending the HIV Epidemic grant (peer initiative). The project, headed by Cleveland State University (CSU), is a project designed to train people to receive certification and become Community Health workers. Applications were due Monday, but if you know of anyone who might be interested, they should contact CSU directly.

Adjournment

Motion: C. Barnett

Seconded: N. O’Neal

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June PSRA	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
QI Committee										
1 Jason McMinn Co-chair	20	20					0			
2 Robert Watkins Co-chair	20	20					20			
3 Barb Gripshover	20	20					20			
4 Christy Nicholls	0	20					20			
5 Marlene Robinson-Statler	0	20					20			
6 Leshia Yarbrough-Franklin	20	20					0			
7 Billy Gayheart	20	20					20			
8 Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger							20			
Total in Attendance	5	7					6			

PC Members: K. Dennis, C. Barnett, N. O’Neal, F. Ross, J. Citerman-Kraeger

PC Attendees: S. DiCocco, L. Rickert

Staff: M. Rodrigo, S. Harris, T. Mallory