

Steering Committee January 2017 Meeting Summary

Attendance

In-person: Jack Billi, Dave Brooks, Trish Cortes, Ann Davis, Bob Guenzel, Norman Herbert, Ruth Kraut, Bob Laverty, Ellen Rabinowitz, David Sarns, Doug Strong, Brent Williams

Phone: Connie Conklin, Diane McCormick, Pam Smith, Marti Walsh

CHRT staff: Kirsten Bondalapati, Megan Foster-Freidman, Elizabeth Jahn, Jeremy Lapedis, Carrie Rheingans Marianne Udow-Phillips

Key Summary Points

- **Medicaid/Market Place Outreach and Enrollment (MMOE):** The MMOE group has held 8 outreach and enrollment events in Washtenaw County since November 1. Sixteen students from the University of Michigan volunteered at enrollment events and assisted by distributing 3,500 flyers throughout the county. The MMOE has not yet held an event at Washtenaw Community College. Ellen Rabinowitz will connect the MMOE group to Washtenaw Community College for the purpose of holding enrollment events there. The Steering Committee recognized the great work of the volunteers and suggested hosting an appreciation event for them.
- **Community Coordination and Dental Update:** The Acute Dental Project members will be meeting on February 7th to discuss a budget for sustaining the project and the possibility of pursuing further evaluation. The Medical-Dental Pathways Project will be put on hold until the summer due to staff turnover in partner agencies, a lack of commitment from key partners (at this time), and the lack of an identified project manager. The Medical-Dental Pathways Project members will revisit whether to implement the Medical-Dental Pathways Project in the summer of 2017. At the February 13th WHI Finance Committee meeting, the Acute Dental Project members may request that the funds previously allocated to the Medical-Dental Pathway Project be reallocated to the Acute Dental Project.
- **State Innovation Model (SIM) Update and Funding Requests:** The Steering Committee reviewed the SIM Work Plan and Budget Template. The Steering Committee approved the use of up to \$1,591 of WHI funds for focus groups because the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services did not approve the use of SIM funds for providing incentives to participate in focus groups. They also designated authority to SIM co-chairs and CHRT staff to decide whether to approve up to \$45,800 in funding to build a predictive model for the SIM intervention. The Steering Committee also discussed the notion that the SIM will uncover large gaps in services and the Steering Committee should be thinking about how to fill those gaps.
- **Affordable Care Act (ACA) Update:** Marianne Udow-Phillips provided an update on the effort to repeal the ACA. The Republicans are aligned in the repeal of the ACA, but not what a replacement would look like and when it would be put in place.

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Action Steps

- **Ellen Rabinowitz** will connect the MMOE group to Washtenaw Community College for the purpose of holding enrollment events there.
- The **Acute Dental Project members** will return to the February 2017 Finance Committee meeting and the March 2017 Steering Committee meeting with a proposed budget to sustain the project.
- The **Medical-Dental Pathways Project members** will revisit whether to implement the Medical-Dental Pathways Project in the summer of 2017

Next Meeting

Friday, February 10, 2017 2:30 – 4:00 PM