

Standards Committee



Eric Moore, Chair

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Area Agency on Aging/Care Directions
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Meeting Minutes

Committee Members *AT: Attended AB: Absent EX: Excused ALT: Alternate Present*

AT Debby Elliott EX Deborah Frusciano AT Eric Moore EX Rebecca Barnett

AT Randall Furrow

Guests

Jennifer Davis

Administrative Agent Staff

Kenneth Leighton-Boster Edd Welsh

Support Staff: Edward Welsh - Acting

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Eric Moore called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of quorum

Quorum was established with 3 of 5 members in attendance at approximately 9:10am.

Review of the meeting minutes and action items from prior meetings

The committee silently reviewed summary minutes from the January 8, 2013 meeting. No corrections were voiced.

Administrative Agent update

Ken Leighton-Boster: The AA office is wrapping up this year's site-visit schedule, reports are being sent to providers. The office is looking forward to working with the Planning Council this year as we plan for the coming adjustments to HRSA budgets and the implementation of the ACA.

The NQC Training Conference is scheduled for next week in Scottsdale and we hope to have a clearer idea of HRSA direction for expected outcomes and standards as we plan for the future of quality measurement in our "EMA without walls".

Committee Chair update

Eric Moore discussed: First, there is a change to today's agenda, removing the review of mental health services, which we accomplished at last month's meeting.

In meetings and conversations with HSRA staff we are all aware that there is a shift coming in HIV related reporting and the indicators/measures that will be required of all grantees and providers. Today we have some slides from HRSA that illustrates part of the current system.

The committee then viewed slide show: Coordinating HIV measures across HAB, CDC, CMS, HHS & ONC.pptx

After viewing the slides about Coordinating HIV measures, Eric Moore opened the discussion about a potential revision of the Planning Council Standards to address measures endorsed by the NQC, as well as others that would be of value to the EMA.

Debby Elliot discussed the need for focus on what can be captured and made accessible in CAREWare, especially since the "non-clinical service categories" will need to be addressed also, though these are not as easily measured.

Ken Leighton-Boster observed that services that have proven to be related to retention in care, such as mental health and substances abuse, are not mentioned in the draft measures in the slides we reviewed today.

Eric Moore recalled that in the request for comments last summer in the Federal Register, HRSA did ask for suggestions about how these issues could be addressed.

Randall Furrow asked what next steps the committee needed to take.

Eric Moore recommended that, if we were in agreement that these potential changes to the standards needed to be explored further, the next step would be to present this information to the Planning Council.

Ken Leighton-Boster recalled that the current monitoring standards, which focus on process, were put into place by the Planning Council years ago. The Planning Council will need to be brought up-to-date with the changes coming from HRSA that focus on outcomes.

After discussion of the agendas for next planning council meeting, the following was decided.

At the May Planning Council meeting, Eric Moore will present a more information about the potential HRSA changes. This will give the Standards committee time to further explore the issues and map out what these changes could mean to the EMA. This also allows more time for HRSA to further refine the measures and there may be more concrete information to discuss at that time.

MEETING MINUTES *continued*

Debbie Elliot asked if there were any more meetings planned around the incarcerated linkage to care/discharge planning issues discussed earlier this month at the meeting at the AA's office.

Edd Welsh checked the calendar and found the next meeting is scheduled for June 5th.

Discussion of agenda items for the next meeting

In addition to the recurring agenda items, the committee determined the following:

Agenda Items

Further review and discussion of the outcome based standards and any other information released by HRSA concerning them. Plan for presentation to the Planning Council in May.

Status of the three-year action plan and the goals so far, we are in year two. Edd will follow-up with this and report at the next meeting.

Action Items to be completed by the next meeting

Task	Assigned To
None	

Current events summaries

Debby announced the Savor Life lunch in planned at AAA/Care Directions.
Eric Moore announced that a SAVORLife dinner for MIHS was also being hosted.

Call to the public

No comments were voiced.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 am.