



**Medicaid Quality Committee Quarterly Meeting  
February 15, 2019 1:00 PM -3:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Attendance		
Marcus Bachhuber, MD	Medicaid Medical Director	Present
Jeanne Abadie	Advocacy Louisiana	Absent
Robert Barsley, DDS	LSUHSC	Absent
Justin Bennett, NP	Rural Health Nursing	Absent
Joseph Biggio Jr., MD MS	Ochsner Obstetricians	On Phone
Alexander Billioux, MD	Asst. Secretary of Office of Public Health	Present
Gerelda Davis, MBA	Louisiana Primary Care Association	Present
Yvonne Domingue, MS, RN	Department of Children and Family Services	Present
Michael Giorlando, DDS	MCNA	Present
Pam Hearn, MD	Louisiana Department of Corrections	Absent
Rep. Frank Hoffmann	LA House of Representatives	Absent
Larry Humble, PharmD, PhD	University of Louisiana Monroe	Present
James Hussey, MD	LDH-Office of Behavioral Health	On Phone
Mark Keiser	Access Health Louisiana	Present
Lyn Kieltyka, PhD	Office of Public Health/CDC	On Phone
Julie Morial, MD	United Healthcare Community Plan	Present
Senator Fred Mills, Jr.	LA State Senate	Absent
Mary Noel	HCA Louisiana	Absent
Raymond Poliquit, MD	Healthy Blue	Present
Madhavi Rajulapalli, MD	Aetna	Present
Floyd Roberts, Jr., MD	Louisiana Hospital Association	Present
Tara Roberts, PT	Louisiana Nursing Home Association	On Phone
Joe Rosier	The Rapides Foundation	Present
Steve Spedale, MD, FAAP	Infamedics	Present
Shelia Sterling, LMSW	Volunteers of America	On Phone
John A. Vanchiere, MD	Physicians – Shreveport	Present
Craig Vitrano, MD	FMOLHS	Present
Marcus Wallace, MD, MBA	Louisiana Healthcare Connections (LHCC)	Present
Rodney Wise, MD	AmeriHealth Caritas of Louisiana	On Phone

**Call to Order**

- The Medicaid Quality Committee was called to order at 1:05pm by Dr. Marcus Bachhuber.

**Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**

- **Welcome and introductions were made by Dr. Marcus Bachhuber.**
  - Dr. Bachhuber introduced the newest member of the Quality Committee and the Chair for the Medicaid Quality Adult Medicine Subcommittee, Dr. Craig Vitrano.
- The roll call of Quality Committee members was conducted by Herbert Twase. A quorum was confirmed.

**Review and Approval of Minutes of the November 16, 2018 Meeting – Dr. Marcus Bachhuber**



- Dr. Wallace motioned to approve and Dr. Rajulapalli seconded. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

#### **Medicaid Director Update – Jen Steele**

- Announced the MCO RFP has not been released and Medicaid was waiting on State Procurement.
- Announced the implementation of DRGs has been paused until 2020. Single Preferred Drug List (SDL) will be moving forward. Implementation will be May 1, 2019. Medicaid is working with the MCOs to ensure they have systems in place.
- Reported the State has procured an Enrollment Single Source credentialing solution. Providers will not have to enroll and credential separately. The contract is now with CMS and upon approval, the system will launch.
- At the end of January, Medicaid put out a solicitation for offers of a Subscription Model for Hepatitis C. The Subscription Model will help LDH select a drug manufacturer. The basic concept is LDH will contract on an amount not greater than what LDH currently spends today on Hepatitis C agents. In exchange, LDH will get an unlimited quantity of Hepatitis C drugs. One of the goals is to collaborate with OPH to dramatically increase screening and treatment for those who have Hepatitis C in Louisiana. This proposal is not restricted to Medicaid patients. LDH posted the responses from the questions received from the manufacturers.

#### **Presentations of Special Topics of Interest or Quality Related Studies/Activities – Dr. Marcus Bachhuber/Dr. Pooja Mehta**

- Update on the Medicaid Quality Public Forums and Key Feedback to Date
  - Dr. Mehta reported the Medicaid Quality Team has been on the road soliciting provider input on the Medicaid quality measure set. Dr. Mehta identified documents in each member's packets. The packets included Attachment E (current set of performance measures), a draft of the proposed quality measures for the Medicaid contract effective 1/1/2020 and a Feedback Form. The Feedback Form is more detailed and will help Medicaid rank incentivized versus monitored measures.
- Drs. Bachhuber and Mehta presented on the Medicaid Quality Strategy Framework, "*What Matters to You? Creating Shared Focus on Quality in Medicaid.*"  
Objectives: review of handouts, provide background and process to date, review the Quality Strategy Framework and proposed quality measures.
  - Open Forum:
    - Dr. Wallace commented that the incentive measures provide money to providers for completing documents such as the notification of pregnancy forms specific to OB/GYNs. LHCC also provides money for postpartum care visits. LHCC ensures members are receiving appropriate services and will allow LHCC to meet the quality measure targets. Dr. Wallace stated LHCC try to share data with providers and specifically speaking about OB/GYNs regarding areas such as C-section and preterm birth rates.
    - Dr. Wallace further explained some of the challenges LHCC experience such as information stopping at the office manager level unless the CMO physically is there to meet with the provider. Dr. Wallace asked for input on getting information to the physicians instead of having information stopped at the office manager level.
    - Dr. Wise agreed with Dr. Wallace, on providing the data feedback to providers. Dr. Wise encourages providers on value-based payment and would like to share arrangements.
- Review of Draft Measure Set – Dr. Marcus Bachhuber

- Dr. Bachhuber reviewed the proposed quality measures handout for discussion. The main objective is to identify which quality measures should be included in the proposed quality measure set as incentivized and monitored.
- Open Forum
  - Dr. Vitrano shared he is the new chair for the Adult Subcommittee. Dr. Vitrano stated the Adult Subcommittee will review the measures at his next subcommittee meeting. Dr. Vitrano stated breast cancer screening and colorectal cancer screening should be incentivized.
  - Comment from the floor: Getting the member into the office is the first step. If a measure is not incentivized then it does not become important. Getting the member into the office should be incentivized
  - Question from the floor: What is the denominator? Dr. Bachhuber answered it is all the people that are enrolled in the plan
  - Question from the floor: In terms of Hepatitis C screening, where is LDH with the availability of treatments through the states developing program? In addition, prioritizing Hepatitis C screening during pregnancy would be a great benefit for pediatrics. Approximately, 5% or 8% of babies who are Hepatitis C exposed will mostly be affected and screening the mom will help providers learn more about the children. As a Committee member, I am in favor of these types of screenings.
  - Dr. Billioux stated OPH is developing a draft screening for Hepatitis C that will be available for public to review.
  - Dr. Hussey mentioned mental health measures would be easy to incentivize.
  - Dr. Vitrano commented the top three proposed incentive measures make sense to him because they are well aligned with commercial, CMS and other considerations.
  - Dr. Poliquit commented this is good information that will help us to work with providers and make sure of the care that is needed is being provided.
  - Dr. Rajulapalli commented that HIV has become a chronic disease and Aetna wants to follow the transition. The cost of HIV drugs is costly for the members. This will be a great incentivized measure.
  - Dr. Billioux commented as a state, little over 50% of people with HIV have already suppressed viral load. Moving forward with this measure will be better and the interpretation is less ambiguous.

**Subcommittee Reports – Dr. Marcus Bachhuber**

- Subcommittee announcements – *Dr. Marcus Bachhuber*
  - Dr. Joseph Biggio will be assuming the position of Obstetrics Subcommittee Chair and member of the Quality Committee.
  - The providers in geographical regions have been assigned to work with different committees.
  - Currently, OB/MFM subcommittee members are meeting with different MCOs to work on one of the performance improvement projects focusing on 17P utilization.
- Dental Health Subcommittee – *Dr. Robert Barsley*
  - There is nothing to report
- Neonatology Subcommittee – *Dr. Steve Spedale*
  - Discussion of neonatal and eligibility for newborns.
  - There are not many validated HEDIS measures that applies to neonatal care or incentives.
- Adult Medicine Subcommittee – *Dr. Craig Vitrano*
  - The Adult Medicine Subcommittee will meet on Monday. There is nothing to report.



- Emergency Medicine Subcommittee – *Dr. Marcus Bachhuber (Interim)*
  - Dr. Bachhuber is looking for a chair and members to join the Medicaid Quality Emergency Medicine Subcommittee. Please reach out to Dr. Bachhuber or the Quality staff if you know of anyone that would be interested in serving on this Subcommittee.
  
- Pediatrics Subcommittee – *Dr. John Vanchiere*
  - Last meeting was in December. The next Pediatric Subcommittee meeting is in March. There is nothing to report.
  
- Behavioral Health Subcommittee – *Dr. Lannis Tynes*
  - Do not have a formal report this time around but would like membership enrollment to increase for this subcommittee. Dr. Tynes is looking to get new members from different subspecialties.

**Meeting adjourned by Dr. Marcus Bachhuber**

**2019 Medicaid Quality Committee Meeting Schedule**

May 17, 2019

August 16, 2019

November 15, 2019