

Prescription Pain Medication Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2008

Present: Susanna Burt, Kim Bateman, Terri Rose, Robert Rolfs, Alan College, Marty Caravati, Iona Thraen

- I. Strategies or areas to change to improve targeting providers - Discussion regarding Medicaid Transformation Grant and focus on prescribers. Dr. Bateman requested that permission be sought from this project for Brian Sauer to identify high users (profile around geography, specialty, clinics, hospitals, zip codes, outliers, and/or prescribing volume) for purposes of contact for trainings provided by Health Insight.

Recommendation: Iona Thraen to send Michael Hales a request.

- II. Pocket Manuals – Discussion was held regarding usefulness and mixed feelings of financial sponsorship. It was determined that the pocket manual was in direct competition to the guidelines and that hard copies of the guidelines with briefing documents ought to be prepared in order not to confuse audiences.

Recommendation: No need for UDOH to endorse or market pocket manual.

- III. Discussion of need for Policy Work Group in 2009 – Discussion centered on separating insurance specific issues from more macro public health issues. It was decided that

Recommendation: An insurance specific work group should meet in order to react to guidelines once they are finalized. Iona Thraen to facilitate.

Recommendation: Macro level public health interventions will be delegated to the steering committee. Dr. Rolfs to prepare an initial list.

- IV. Discussion for need for meeting in December. It was decided that a December meeting was warranted. The proposed agenda includes:
- Update on final guidelines after public comment and where differences exist
 - Update on research activities
 - Policy level discussion – Dr. Rolfs to prepare an initial set of issues

- Invite Dr. Moore from Valley Mental Health - Clinical director to discuss managing addiction.
- Dr. Charles Walton to discuss use of Suboxone

V. Miscellaneous – Dr. Bateman raised the issue of a growing network of Primary Care doctors trained in the use of Suboxone training and whether or not we should consider this to be a resource.

Recommendation: Dr. Charles Walton was recommended as a possible presenter.

Question was raised about the distribution of the guidelines. Who has been involved and whether medical groups have been notified.

Recommendation: Determine from Erin Johnson who the guidelines have been sent to. Identify relevant medical specialty groups and send guidelines out. Iona Thraen to follow up.

Question was raised about the role of the outreach team in terms of distributing guidelines when finalized. Currently the power point is not consistent with the draft guidelines.

Recommendation: Dr. Bateman would like a 2-3 page briefing document once the guidelines have been finalized.

Question on how final reconciliation of guideline recommendation differences will be handled? How will recommendations where there is limited evidence be handled?

Recommendation: Dr. College recommended that a peer consult be obtained prior to the initiation of the trial of opiates before a patient is converted from an acute user to a chronic user.

Representative Daw is working on rewriting the DOPL regulations and sought Dr. Batemans input. Francesca Lanier has been indentified to work on issues related to privacy and HIPAA.