

Clinical Services Work Group

Friday, March 13, 2009

8:30-9:30 am—Conference Call

Summary

Attendees: Jeanne Egger (NE), Ralph Vogel (AR), Robin Troxell (MO), Merlin Butler (MO), Mary Riske (ND) and Donna Nale (MO)

Heartland Staff: Lori Williamson and Shona Whitehead

Meeting Summary:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Attendance		
Telemedicine Resource Manual Project Update	The telemedicine manual is to be reviewed by John Mulvihill by March 20 th . It will then be sent to Robin Troxell and Ralph Vogel to review. Robin and Ralph will have approximately 2 weeks to review and make comments.	
Project Narrative	<p>The Advisory Board was asked to prioritize activities that had been suggested by all the work groups. Lori organized the suggestions under each of the Heartland goals, provided description of the activity and included estimated budget costs. The list not only included new activities but also ongoing and required activities. This was a new process for selecting Heartland activities for the upcoming project year. The results of the Advisory Board rankings are attached.</p> <p>The top projects for Clinical Services were a transition project and telemedicine metabolic rounds. The budget for FY 09-10 will not include pilot project funding in the base budget. If unobligated funds are available for carry forward then funding for a pilot project in transition may be available. Amount of carry-forward funds will not be known until late August 2009 and not be available until October 2009. This would allow time to explore possibilities and for a transition project. (Ralph Vogel will host another transition call in April.)</p> <p>Telemedicine metabolic rounds had been suggested several years ago and modeled after a program conducted by Brad Schaefer when he was in Nebraska. At the time, the project was not supported by HRSA because it didn't include primary care physicians (PCP) or pediatricians. However, the new project would include these physicians.</p> <p>Initial suggestions are to host 3 or 4 sessions the first year to discuss difficult metabolic cases. It is not known at this time if CME credit would be available</p>	

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	<p>Robin Troxell asked what the uptake would be by PCPs and how do we know that their needs are not being met, making this opportunity beneficial.</p> <p>What if the rounds were available on a (and, subsequently genetic services) in each state.</p> <p>Mary Riske asked if a similar project had been done in another region, since there is no point in reinventing the wheel.</p> <p>Ralph Vogel suggested to reach out and include nurses in the region.</p> <p>What would the basic technology need? Photos, view MRI, computer access, telehealth equipment? What would be the capacity for each session?</p> <p>Mary Riske indicated that North Dakota would be interested in being one of the first states to participate.</p> <p>Is Brad Schaefer still conducting dysmorphology telemedicine rounds? Could it be done regionally for the Heartland?</p>	
Diagnosis Modules	<p>Lori has asked Dawn Peck (MO) and Ashley Ethridge (OK) to author the PKU diagnosis module. Their reply is pending. Judy Welch indicated that Sara Copeland might be willing to review it. Majed Dasouki may also be willing to review content.</p> <p>The FAS module is being written by Gene Hoyme and Quinn Stein in South Dakota.</p> <p>The Prader Willi module is now online at the Utah MedHome Portal. Both Merlin Butler and Robin Troxell commented that the modules are not printer friendly. The modules can't be printed in their entirety. Williamson will report this back to Utah.</p> <p>Brad Schafer indicated he is reviewing the Fragile X module. The next modules for inclusion will be selected by May 2009. 22q deletion will be on list of choices.</p> <p>No new modules will be included in the FY 09-10 budget.</p>	

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<p>Collaborative Research Opportunity Conference Calls.</p>	<p>Lori Williamson and Amy Brower will be hosting two calls to discuss external funding opportunities. The RCC is serving as facilitator to help states across the region apply for funds. Stimulus grants are due by April 27th.</p> <p>Project ideas to be discussed on the calls include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality assurance • Translational research • Patient registries • Health Technology • Uncommon disorders research • Underserved populations • Transition <p>Merlin Butler suggested that the RCC review previous project ideas or small grant proposals that were not funded to see if they would be applicable or reused if repackaged.</p> <p>If you have a project idea that you are willing to share, are seeking opportunities to collaborate with other Heartland states, or would like to request technical assistance (writing, reviewing, or budget development) for submitting a grant application, please join one of the two calls.</p>	<p>Conference Calls: Monday, March 23rd at 3:00 pm Participant Call-in: (888) 422-7124 Participant Code: 749760</p> <p>Tuesday, March 24th at 4:00 pm Participant Call-in: (888) 422-7124 Participant Code: 749760</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>		<p>April 10, 2009: 8:30 am</p>