

Clinical Services Work Group

Friday, May 15, 2009

9:00-10:00 am—Conference Call

Summary

Attendees: Jennifer Kussman (MO), Mary Riske (ND) and Donna Nale (MO) **Heartland Staff:** Lori Williamson and Shona Whitehead

Meeting Summary:

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| Welcome and Attendance | | |
| FAS diagnosis module report on progress | <p>Gene Hoyme and Laura McGuinn have agreed to author the module on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Dr McGuinn is at OUHSC and originally introduced the RCC to Chuck Norlin and the Utah Medhome Portal. She works on behavior and treatment of FAS. The goal is to have a draft by May 31, 2009. Mary Riske indicated that Dr Martsolf and Larry Burd could probably review the module.</p> <p>An author for the PKU module has yet to be confirmed.</p> | |
| Telemedicine Manual format | <p>What format did the manual authors envision when writing the content? Web based or print format? Which format do the work group members recommend?</p> <p>PDF format for printing is preferred over a web-based searchable Q & A list. The PDF should include a detailed index.</p> | |
| NF DOD Grant update | <p>ND and MO have clinical sites participating, if funded. Dr Teasdale is experienced in educating physicians and other providers.</p> | <p>If you would like to read the grant proposal, please contact Lori Williamson at lori-williamson@ouhsc.edu.</p> |
| Clinical issues in genetics services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC licensure—inquiries from KS and AR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MO—not recently discussed, since idea had little initial interest from GCs. Cost of licensure was not negotiable by the State. MO GCs wanted to know is the benefit. ○ ND is interested, but those who are not licensed, how are they paid? | <p>Please submit ideas for a Clinical Services Work Group project that addresses any service need in your state or the region to Lori</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC billing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SD--Right now, if someone sees only a GC and no one else, the patients get billed \$87 and insurance rarely covers. SD receives some complaints. • Job Openings (MDs, PhDs, GCs)—Suggested to add an job opening list on Heartland website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MO—is looking for clinical genetists—3 open positions—2 have been interviewed ○ ND—part time geneticist from the Mayo clinic began seeing patients in Fargo in March. A half-time GC position is open • How many more people do we think we need (not how many positions are open) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SD--(Quinn Stein) could use at least 2 more people, but no funding to hire anyone right now. In non-pediatrics clinic (Women’s Health) we see about 2200 people a year with 1 ½ GCs We have a need for help in cancer genetics, infertility, prenatal screening/testing. • Adult clinics—What is the role of the RCC? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cardio-genetics—In MO a testing company is promoting a product, but cardiologists are not interested at this time ○ SD--if we had more people, it’d be possible to be more proactive in areas like cardio-genetics ○ AR—is starting an adult down syndrome clinic funded through a private donation • NBS Genetic Counseling <p>Is important to revisit the basic needs in the region or should the RCC develop a project? Riske suggested contacting the group in advance of the next call to submit ideas.</p> <p>Should a regional pilot project be developed to expand services? Clinicians across the region are involved, but GCs and genetic nurses are not as involved. Riske suggested that a draft letter of introduction to be created that can be sent to physicians, nurses and GC in the region.</p> <p>Survey will be sent in advance of the annual meeting to gather input. It will be necessary to think creatively to come up with solutions to the region’s needs.</p> | <p>Williamson at lori-williamson@ouhsc.edu.</p> <p>RCC to develop a Heartland introductory letter that can be sent to physicians, nurses and genetic counselors in the region.</p> |

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| Roundtable Topics | Licensure and Billing | If you have a suggestion for a roundtable discussion at the Heartland Annual Meeting; please send it to Shona Whitehead at shona-whitehead@ouhsc.edu . |
| Wal-Mart | An exploratory call was held with a Wal-Mart Vice President responsible for rolling out their clinics to discuss Family Health History Services or NBS education in Wal-Mart clinics. Clinics are not actually owned by Wal-Mart, but rather local providers. It was suggested that information could be added to the baby shower printouts. The next step is to provide follow-up documents to Wal-Mart. | |
| Next Meeting | | Friday, June 12, 2009: 8:30 am |