



**HealthLink Miami Valley
Management Team Meeting**

February 4, 2003

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Kettering Center

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Attending: Rudy Arnold (MVHIC), Kate Cauley (WSU), Carla Clasen (WSU), Kimberly Conner (WSU), Mary Crimmins (WSU), Janet Grant (CareSource), Jack Pascoe (WSU, CMC), Marilyn Rodney (SCC), Richard Schuster (WSU), and Allyson Sepp (WSU)

2. Review Meeting Roles

Facilitator: Kate Cauley

Notetaker: Allyson Sepp

3. Review Meeting Agenda

4. Work Through Agenda

A. Members Update:

Janet reported on her meeting with Barb Edwards concerning Medicaid. The plan that has been recommended to the state is to cut back on the July 2001 Parent Expansion to Medicaid. It is estimated that 30,000 adults will be affected by the cut back. A cut back on benefits for the aged, blind and disabled and an overall increase in prescription co-pays is also being considered. Rudy noted that it is likely that tobacco funds will also be cut. Jack submitted a practice-based research grant to Children's Medical Center Foundation. Jack will also be exploring funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Kate updated everyone on the Healthy Dayton initiative and the Kick Off event, Take Off Dayton April 25.

B. General Issues

Health Management Associates

HIPAA Training in Chicago March 2, 2003: Kate and Mary will be attending this meeting; all members of the management team are invited. The meeting will focus on the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

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C. Task Force Issues to be addressed by HL Network

1. General Issues

- HMA discussion review & update: Kate met with Heather Bailey of the Dayton Foundation. She said that the Dayton Foundation would be willing to provide a fiscal home for HealthLink. Kate also met with Deb Feldman, Danna Graves, and Bill Bines. The County is supportive of moving forward and suggested a tentative timeline. Kate distributed a memo outlining action steps and the timeline. First we need to compile the paperwork for the proposed health plan, and then to present a concept paper and draft plan to the County. Once the concept paper and draft plan have been reviewed, the County will

pass a Commission resolution committing the County to the plan. The concept paper and draft plan will then be submitted to the State for review. It is anticipated that a portion of the Human Services Levy will be used as the leveraging local match.

Review Articles of Incorporation: There was no further discussion by the group concerning the Articles of Incorporation.

Review Bylaws: There was no further discussion concerning the Bylaws.

CareOhio: Kate distributed the CareOhio presentation. Janet provided a brief summary of the model which presumed local funding. Kate emphasized that the HealthLink plan would not involve the disproportionate share, HCAP, or Care Assurance money.

Introduction to Provider Agreement from Jackson County Health Plan Corporation: The group briefly reviewed the components of the agreement. Janet pointed out that the Jackson County plan covers many of the services included in the Medicaid package, but the plan is not as comprehensive as Medicaid. Due to cost constraints, HealthLink will be an ambulatory plan; it will not cover all of the services that Medicaid covers. Kate requested that Janet provide a summary of the current Medicaid package and associated costs at the next Management Team meeting so the group could compare all Medicaid benefits with the list of covered services in the Jackson County plan, for example. Janet suggested that the HealthLink plan will focus on providing assistance to adults (since children are already covered by Medicaid). The group discussed how hospitals would benefit from this plan. It is apparent that outpatient clinics will benefit most due to the presently high amount of uncompensated care that is provided.

Introduction to Administrative Services Agreement from Jackson County Health Plan Corporation: There will be a cost to administer the plan, therefore compensation must be carefully considered. Janet explained how the cost to care for the uninsured was calculated by CareOhio. Cost data for the insured and Medicaid were used to extrapolate the cost of caring for the uninsured. Richard emphasized that the population that is selected should be large enough to include enough healthy people to help pay for the care given to those with health problems. Mary pointed out that this is a health plan for the uninsured not a profit driven insurance plan. Kate will contact Jackson County, Michigan and find out how they calculated the cost. Janet pointed out that HealthLink would have to make clear that it is not creating an insurance plan; otherwise, the Ohio Department of Insurance will be required to oversee the plan.

Additionally, a question was raised re: what happens when providers opt for a reimbursement model under the program and the program runs out of money in a given year before the provider is reimbursed? Do providers ever go with a capitation process instead? How is that best determined?

2. Specific Issues...

- MIS
 - Blind Test: The County has been given the hospital data for the blind test. The match criteria will be name, social security number, address, and phone number. Kate noted that the blind test will be beneficial in demonstrating that hospital and non-hospital data can be integrated. Server update: The server is being configured and in the testing stage. Mary anticipates that the Portal Agency Questionnaire will be on the server in March. Agencies that wish to complete the questionnaire online will need specific software installed in order to give access to the virtual private network. Agencies that are not interested in completing the survey on line will have the opportunity to batch the data and send it to Wright State. The Advocate Follow-up Form will be the second application put on the web.
 - IT Group Listserv: During the first IT Group meeting, the participants decided that it would be most effective to communicate through a listserv rather than at meetings. The Listserv will provide the IT people with the opportunity to build their resume by providing expertise to other organizations. ADAMHS has lots of good links and documentation on their website re: HIPAA.
 - New HealthLink URL: www.med.wright.edu/healthlink
- Outcomes/Evaluation
 - Timelines review: The timeline is complete and will be distributed at the Network meeting.
 - IRB & disease management: The Institutional Review Board application for disease management focus groups is being revised and will be submitted.
 - Emergency Room usage data: Jack reported that the ER at Children's Medical Center will be analyzing the ER usage data in the coming months.
- Outreach: Marilyn reported that the task force would be inviting additional people to join the meetings. Kate provided a Power Point presentation on the referrals received from December 2001 through December 2002. Kate explained that the data was drawn from Medicaid Outreach, the Old Portal Questionnaire, the New Portal Questionnaire, and advocate follow-up. It was noted that many individuals who report having healthcare coverage request assistance from a community health advocate. The Primary Care Provider (PCP), asthma, and hypertension data was drawn from the portal questionnaires and advocate follow-up.
- Strategic Planning: The February Meeting has been canceled.
- Advisory Council
 - Meeting February 18, 2003 3:30 PM
- HIPAA Exchange
 - Meeting February 18, 2003 1:30 PM

- D. Issues for HealthLink Network Review/Update/Approval
- E. Process issues

5. Future Agendas and Schedules

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2003, 10:30AM – 12:30AM

6. Evaluation of the meeting

7. Adjournment