



**HealthLink Miami Valley
Management Team Meeting**

March 4, 2003

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Kettering Center

MINUTES

1. Introductions

Attending: Rudy Arnold (MVHIC), Sukey Barnum (HMA), Kate Cauley (WSU), Carla Clasen (WSU), Kimberly Conner (WSU), Mary Crimmins (WSU), Janet Grant (CareSource), Tom Kelly (Mont. Co.), Joe Krella (GDAHIN), Marilyn Rodney (SCC), Richard Schuster (WSU), Fred Steed (CHD), 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:

Sukey Barnum our consultant from Health Management Associates (HMA) was introduced and it was noted that she formerly worked as an administrator with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services Medicaid Program.

B. General Issues

Health Management Associates: Kate reviewed the minutes from the February 18th meeting focusing specifically on the discussion of the Jackson County Plan.

HIPAA Training in Chicago March 2, 2003: The department of Health and Human Services sponsored the privacy rule implementation workshop. Based on this information Mary will be coordinating development of "HIPAA 101" targeted upon human service agencies. Based on Kate's recommendation the group agreed to engage Bricker and Eckler for HIPAA interpretations of data sharing.

APHA abstract distribution: Kate distributed Marilyn's APHA abstract submission (other abstracts were distributed at the last meeting.)

C. Task Force Issues to be addressed by HL Network

1. General Issues

• HMA discussion review & update

CareSource Data for HealthLink: Janet distributed report containing claims data for January through September 2002. The claims were for services that might be covered by the HealthLink plan. Sukey said that the cost per member per month for primary care provider (PCP) and specialty care in the CareSource data is similar to the cost for the Ingham plan. However, the cost for laboratory and radiology for CareSource is significantly higher than Ingham County pays. The Health Data Analyst from CareSource recommends that the data be broken

down further in order to gain a clearer picture of the cost of specific services. Since we are looking at an adult population the report will include adults only.

Review of Provider Agreement from Jackson County Health Plan Corporation: The group reviewed the “Summary of Benefits for SMP and County Healthcare Coverage Programs”. Sukey pointed out that the Jackson County Plan does not cover most gynecological exams due to the availability of screening sites. Further, cancer care is not covered because individuals diagnosed with cancer can qualify for Medicaid.

Review of Administrative Services Agreement from Jackson County Health Plan Corporation:

Sukey Barnum presents Administrative Services Summary: Sukey distributed an administrative and contracting services summary and explained that most of the plans in Michigan contract other organizations for administration of services. HealthLink will need to determine what is available in the community in order to decide what type of contract will work best. Kate pointed out that the Montgomery County plan would be a fee-for-service plan as opposed to capitation. The group agreed to review the handout and will discuss it further at the meeting on March 18th.

Review draft template for the Montgomery County Plan: The group discussed the services that the Montgomery County Plan would cover using the Provider Agreement from Jackson County Health Plan Corporation. CareSource figures show that specialties like OB/Gyn, Cardiology, Radiology and Surgery are very expensive to support. The Michigan plans all broker referrals through a primary care provider (PCP). The group discussed services not covered in the Jackson County plan and determined that some non-covered services can be addressed with existing resources. Although there are dental, substance, abuse, mental health, and tuberculosis programs existing in the community, the group requested utilization and cost data on these services. Kate explained that in order to include services for which a program already exists, HealthLink would have to demonstrate that the existing program is not presently meeting the needs in the community. Suggestions were made to consider covering contraceptives, physical exams (for employment, SSI, and school) and prescriptions. Kate asked if ADAMHS could provide HealthLink with the average cost of a mental health visit per person. Tom will contact ADAMHS and Joe offered to provide information. Tom emphasized that public health programs and initiatives are not always the cheapest alternative for care and that funding for such programs is always limited. Kate will find out if funding for the Montgomery County Health Plan can be utilized to supplement existing programs. Sukey said that this varies from state to state. Joe requested a detailed explanation of the actual funding source (the source for the federal match) for the Montgomery County Health Plan.

Meeting with Hospitals: Area hospitals continue to have reservations concerning the Montgomery County Health Plan. John Calendar from the Ohio Hospital Association is concerned that the plan would affect H-CAP. It was made clear that funding cannot come from H-CAP or DISH Upper Payment Limits. Joe briefly defined “upper payment limit” to the group. Essentially, for every dollar that the Federal Government is willing to pay for a service only a certain portion is actually used and it is the unused portion that comprises the upper-payment limit (i.e. if the state of Ohio utilizes 0.80 for every dollar, thus 0.20 is available for the upper-payment limit). Tom asked if the State would have a potential investment role in the plan. Sukey explained that in Michigan, the State does not provide funds; it only acts as a gatekeeper for local funds that are sent through the state to obtain the federal match.

2. Specific Issues...

- MIS

Blind Test & hospital participation: Lisa Rindler continues to work with Premier in an effort to include data from those hospitals as part of the blind test. Tom reported that a number of the addresses in the blind test were from individuals living outside of Montgomery County. He is currently filtering out those individuals.

Server update: The server is up and running with the first application—the Portal Agency Questionnaire. Mary will provide a brief demonstration of the server to the Network Team.

Audit report

- Outcomes/Evaluation

Timelines review

IRB & disease management: the petition for asthma focus groups has been submitted to Wright State’s Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Partnership Survey: Wright State will put the survey online for a minimal cost to HealthLink.

- Outreach

Portal update: Kim reported that 25 agencies are presently working with HealthLink as portals. There has been a significant increase in the number of referrals from these agencies over the last month.

Monthly statistical review: Kate distributed the statistics for the month of January. Kate explained that graphs would be presented on a quarterly basis and there will be a breakdown of the number of children versus adults approved for Medicaid.

- Strategic Planning: Janet reviewed the activities for “Covering the Uninsured Week.” There will be a kickoff breakfast and panel discussion hosted by the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. Marilyn and Bill Iames were interviewed for a radio show, which will be airing Sunday morning. Wright State and Sinclair will provide screenings on Tuesday. Many of the area churches have prepared a presentation for their congregations.

- **HIPAA Exchange**

Meeting March 18, 2003 1:30 PM

HIPAA 101 for human service agencies

- C. Issues for HealthLink Network Review/Update/Approval: Web-based partnership survey hosted by Wright State University.
- D. Process issues

5. Future Agendas and Schedules

NEXT MEETING: March 25, 2003, 8:30AM – 10:30AM

6. Evaluation of the meeting

7. Adjournment