



**HealthLink Miami Valley  
Management Team Meeting**

March 25, 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), Jim Gross (CHD), Bill Iames (MCDJFS), Tom Kelly (Montgomery County), Tricia Osborne (CareSource), Jack Pascoe (WSU, CMC), Art Pickoff (WSU, CMC), 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:

B. General Issues

- Health Management Associates: Kate, Sukey, Jay Rosen, and John Calendar spoke this morning and agreed that the HealthLink plan would not jeopardize H-Cap funds. John Calendar will provide the actual calculations to support this assessment by April 11<sup>th</sup>. Kate discussed the effect this might have on discussions with the County. The group agreed to go forward with the April 9 meeting with agency directors and Deb Feldman to review some specific points of the process and to request that we move to the May meeting of the cell directors as the kick off to the Levy Council meeting in May and County Commissioner meeting the first week in June. The best conduit for the money must be determined, either the hospitals or the Combined Health District (CHD). It is estimated that the county will be able to provide between \$10-20 million for matching purposes. Tom expressed concern that a large portion of the levy money is already used for federal match within the agencies to which it is granted, thus not available to match more federal funds. HealthLink must contact the finance directors with the individual agencies (as opposed to the County) receiving the funds in order to ascertain what money remains unmatched federally. Janet inquired if the hospital indigent funds were matched. Tom was unsure. Sukey emphasized that in Michigan, the unmatched funds were clearly identified and are the only funds utilized for the different health plans.

C. Task Force Reports/Actions Steps from Previous Meeting/New Members

- MIS: Mary reported that David Roberts is continuing to build the HealthLink server and system. Web access through the VPN (Virtual Private Network) is presently being worked on by Wright State's

Computing and Telecommunication Services (CaTs). Mary will also begin working with agencies that are considered to be covered entities under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in order to develop business agreements that will allow these agencies to share client information with HealthLink Miami Valley. The team was invited to attend the HIPAA 101 trainings either today or on the fourth of April. Mary explained that this training will be for information purposes only and does not replace the training that organizations are required to do for all employees tailored to each organization's Privacy policies.

- Outcomes/Evaluation: Carla explained that in order to access the partnership survey, you must use Internet Explorer. The survey does not work when Netscape Navigator is used as the browser. If technical difficulties are confronted, please notify Carla as soon as possible so that she can inform CaTs. Jack reported that the presentation made to the Western Ohio Pediatric Society went well.
  - Outreach: Kim noted that there has been a significant increase in referrals from portal agencies. Additional detailed information will be provided at future meetings.
  - Strategic Planning: Trisha provided a presentation using CareSource data of the cost per member per month (PMPM) for various healthcare services and the group moved forward with decision making regarding benefits to be included in the draft Montgomery County plan.
  - Management Team:
- D. Speaking engagements/invitations/presentations/publications review
- Chamber panel during Covering the Uninsured Week
- E. Issues for HealthLink Network Review/Approval
- HIPAA Privacy Rule & HIPAA 101 Mary will be presenting a proposed Privacy policy for HealthLink even though we are not currently a covered entity.
- F. Issues for Discussion
- HealthLink Plan Draft: The group went through the list of specialists and services prepared by CareSource and determined which would be available with the HealthLink plan. It was noted that Ingham County, Michigan cost is \$35. Sukey explained that the cost is low due to the large number of individuals enrolled in the plan. The group decided that it would be more realistic to expect a cost of \$50, but this will depend on whether or not the HealthLink plan requires a co-pay. The group tentatively decided the medical specialists to include in the plan. From the CareSource list, the group decided to include the following specialists with an expectation of carving out specific services provided at the next meet: urgent care, physician assistants, ambulatory surgery, dermatology-pathology, diagnostic testing, family practice, gynecology-oncology, gynecology, hospital providers (for outpatient clinics and hospital clinics), internal medicine, laboratory, preventive medicine, obstetrics-gynecology, pediatrics, pathology, physical therapy/rehabilitation, radiology, certified nurse practitioners, and gastroenterology. The group discussed including psychiatry and mental health services since many physical illnesses are a result of mental illness. Bill explained that local organizations exist that receive funding to care for the mentally ill. Art noted that it is unwise to provide tests

and diagnoses without providing a means to obtain prescriptions. The group will consider adding prescription coverage at a future date. Janet explained that the cost was based on the Medicaid reimbursement rate. Art advised that HealthLink reimburse physicians at a higher rate. Janet said that CareSource reimburses at 105% of Medicaid. Trisha will break the cost down further for the meeting next week.

- Funding mechanisms

G. Work to be Completed/Action Steps

Kate requested that Rudy, Jack, Richard, Art, and Carla look at the specific services provided by various specialists and make recommendations to the team concerning which specific services the HealthLink Plan should cover.

**5. Future Agendas and Schedules**

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2003, 8:30AM – 10:30AM

**6. Evaluation of the meeting**

**7. Adjournment**