

Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network

Data Work Group

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8:30 a.m.

Participants

Bery Engebretsen, Primary Health Care
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Wendy Gray (via phone), Free Clinics of Iowa
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Staff

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Welcome, Introductions, Review of the Agenda

Sarah welcomed the group and participants provided introductions. She reviewed what would be covered during the meeting and the attachments from the email. She also asked if there were any questions about the notes provided from the last meeting.

Discussion of Data Recommendations

Sarah provided an overview of the feedback received during the Safety Net Leadership Group meeting regarding the Data Work Group's recommendations. The work group is being asked to refine a couple of definitions and data points in order to finalize their recommendation and move forward with surveying providers. Following are data items that were discussed with the decision of the work group and key points made.

Patients vs. Encounters

The work group recommended all measures expect ICD9 codes and level of service (Free Clinics only) be collected by unduplicated patients rather than encounters.

Race and Ethnicity

The work group recommended the following categories be requested from the clinics:

Race

- White/Caucasian
- Black /African-American
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian

- Other Race
- More than one race
- Unknown

Ethnicity

- Hispanic/Latino
- Not Hispanic/Latino
- Unknown

Age

The work group recommended the following categories be requested from the clinics:

- 0-5
- 6-17
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+
- Unknown

Sex

The work group recommended the following categories be requested from the clinics:

- Male
- Female
- Unknown

Insurance Status

The work group recommended the following categories be requested from the clinics:

- Uninsured/Private Pay/Self Pay
- Private/Commercial Insurance
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Other Public Insurance (SCHIP, VA, CHAMPS, etc.)
- Unknown

The group asked staff convene a conference call with IDPH staff that supports the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program (VHCPP) and the Free Clinic representatives to work on aligning the data collected by the Safety Net and VHCPP and to better define the data being collected by the VHCPP.

Dissemination of Survey to Clinics

Staff will update the survey based on changes made to the definitions and response categories and will disseminate the survey in January 2010. Work group members asked staff to develop an introduction to

the survey that encourages participation from the clinics. Staff were also asked to send reminders to the associations supporting the clinics to help promote the survey. Rochelle offered to review the next draft of the survey before a final draft is sent to the work group members and staff were asked to define the “training needed” response category within the survey.

Next Steps

Staff will work with Rochelle to finalize a draft of the survey questions based on the data definitions and agreed upon data points and will then send the survey draft to the work group for final comments.

Staff’s goal is to disseminate the survey in January of 2010. Sarah thanked the group again for their time and dedication to this effort.