BAYOU HEALTH Quality Committee
July 13, 2012

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order:
   The first meeting of the Bayou Health Quality Committee was called to order by Dr. Rodney Wise, committee chair.
2. Introductions:
   Committee members introduced themselves to other members of the committee and all others in attendance.
3. Welcome from Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director
4. Purpose of Bayou Health Quality Committee:
   Dr. Wise presented an overview of the purpose of the Bayou Health Quality Committee. Dr. Vanchiere made a motion to approve the vision statement. Dr. Sibley was in agreement.
5. Consideration of Draft Bylaws:
   There was a discussion of the committee bylaws. Clarification of several items requested: the number of members, reimbursement of travel expenses, and length of terms. Also discussed was the Administrative Simplification Committee, a parallel committee of the Quality Committee. Dr. Gee inquired about the committee's access to data.

   Dr. Vanchiere motioned to table the approval of the bylaws until the next meeting.

6. Election of officers:
   The election of officers was also tabled until the next meeting.
7. Bayou Health Performance Measures:
   An overview of the 37 performance measures being reported by the health plans was presented by Dr. Wise. Dr. Gee inquired about the differences between level I and level II measures. This was addressed by Dr. Wise.

The frequency of quality committee meetings was discussed. Dr. Wise stated that the meetings are required quarterly but can be held more often if necessary.

There was discussion regarding the development of dashboards for the presentation of data. Recommendations are welcomed by the committee.

Mary Noel requested that data regarding plan performance on all service authorizations be reported out in addition to what is specified in the contracts. Dr. Wise agreed that these could be added.

8. Specific clinical care issues:
    a. Hyperbilirubinemia management:
       Dr. Wise requested that we look at our practice related to the treatment of Hyperbilirubinemia to explore outpatient treatment.

       Dr. Vanchiere asked if home phototherapy was covered by the plans. Dr. Wise responded with the differences relative to shared and prepaid plans. The prepaid plans can choose to cover outpatient treatment. The shared plans are bound by Legacy Medicaid policy. Outpatient phototherapy is not a covered service in Legacy Medicaid.

       Dr. Sibley voiced concerns about factors prior to discharge that contribute to readmission. There was also discussion regarding the definition of readmission for this age group: consensus was one week.

    b. EPSDT tracking and reporting:
       Dr. Sibley voiced concern that all 5 plans are currently unable to provide this information in a usable format. This is particularly concerning as this information ties in to several measureable goals. If providers are unable to access the information and act on it, performance is likely to decrease, reflecting poorly on the state.

       Dr. Michael Dickey with UHC commented on their efforts regarding accessibility of EPSDT data and thanked Dr. Sibley for his efforts to assist them.

All 5 plans agreed on the importance of improving the accessibility/usability of the data and have placed a high priority on efforts to improve this.

c. Our Lady of the Lake Asthma Program:
Dr. Wise gave an overview of Our Lady of the Lake's asthma management program. The program includes and asthma action plan, recipient education, collaboration with the schools and home visits. Further information on this program will be forwarded out to all committee members electronically at a later date.

d. Influenza Vaccine:
Dr. Vanchiere voiced concern over how school based programs would implement influenza vaccine administration now that the Bayou Health Plans are in place. This has been a very successful program in the past with all data being entered into LINKS. Dr. Wise requested that the plans work toward meeting this goal.

Dr. Vanchiere added that at the next meeting he would like to discuss newborn assignment to a different plan than its siblings.

Dr. Wise clarified for the group that pregnant recipients are allowed to select a Shared plan even though shared plans do not contract with specialists. All Medicaid enrolled OB's are within the Shared network for these members to utilize.

Additionally, recipient access to specialists was discussed. Dr. Wise offered clarification regarding existing Medicaid enrolled specialist providers as the network for the Shared plans. He also noted that the Prepaid plans have are required by their contracts to have network adequacy. Dr. Vanchiere commented that in his opinion, pediatric specialty access would continue to decrease due to recent cuts and deletion of consult codes.

9. Additional programs to be included in Bayou Health-Dr. Wise gave a brief overview of additional programs and services that would be added to Bayou Health over the next several months:

- Pharmacy-Fall 2012 for the Prepaid plans. Enhanced benefit for Shared plans and Legacy Medicaid. Specifics regarding psychotropic and antivirals are still being researched.
- Dental –Fall/Winter 2012. This primarily affects children. The adult benefit is very limited. Enhanced benefit for Shared plans and Legacy Medicaid.
- The addition of acute services for the waiver populations is currently on hold.

Dr. Vanchiere requested that the addition of a dental performance measure be added, i.e. fluoride varnishing.

Dr. Gee asked if Take Charge Family Planning would be added to Bayou Health. Dr. Wise indicated that he had not been part of these discussions and would inquire about the status.

10. DRG Implementation Committee:
    Current reimbursement is on a per diem basis. The proposed implementation date for DRG's is January 2013. The DRG committee kick off meeting occurred this week. Considerations related to DRG establishment included the diagnosis and levels of severity and potential base rate adjustments possible. All 5 Bayou Health plans are on the committee. Dr. Vanchiere asked that considerations be included for ages of pediatric patients.

Secretary Greenstein joined the meeting and addressed the committee.

11. Subcommittees
    a. Birth Outcomes: Will include Dr. Gee and representation of all 5 health plans. This group will report to the Bayou Health Quality Committee at the quarterly meeting.

       Secretary Greenstein addressed the importance of improving birth outcomes and his willingness to participate in this committee. There was also discussion of the 39 week initiative and a new module to be used state wide to collect vital statistics that would improve availability of real time data.

       Dr. Gee discussed planned dashboards, participation by the plans and collaborative effort.

Mary Noel stated that the birth notification process required by the health plans placed an administrative burden on hospitals.

b. Other(s)
Dr. Wise pointed out sign in sheets for any late attendees. He also introduced members of the committee that had joined the meeting late. He noted that requests for agenda items would be sent out prior to the next committee meeting.

12. Public comment: None
13. Next meeting date: To be determined
14. Adjournment