

Statewide Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) Meeting

Monday July 27, 2015

3:00pm - 5:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

Location:

Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA)
501 Boylston Street, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02116

Chair: Áron Boros (CHIA)

Committee Attendees: Dianne Anderson (via phone); Dr. James Feldman, Ann Lawthers, Katherine Shea Barrett (representing the Health Policy Commission), Dolores Mitchell, Brian Rosman (representing Health Care for All), and Dr. Richard Lopez.

Other Attendees: Beth Waldman and Michael Joseph (Bailit Health Purchasing, LLC.)

1. Chair Áron Boros opened the meeting. He stated that the purpose of the meeting is to review the work that had been done in identifying quality priorities and to narrow down the list of priorities based on the evaluation of those priorities based on criteria. He introduced Beth Waldman from Bailit Health Purchasing who presented the work that had been done to date.
2. Beth Waldman described the work done to date in identifying priorities; she then described the scoring methodology that Bailit applied to priority areas to identify those priorities that had the lowest relative scores. Beth highlighted areas that did not score at or above the mean. The group decided to include End of Life Care and Care Coordination in its continued discussions. The group also discussed that a decision not to include additional topic areas in ongoing discussion did not lessen their importance to the overall health care system, but just helped to narrow the discussion.
3. Beth Waldman then facilitated discussions of the following priority areas to understand the SQACs relative interest in pursuing them as part of this initiative: maternity, obesity, primary care integration with behavioral health, opioids, access to children's behavioral health services, readmissions, avoidable hospitalizations, patient safety, patient experience, patient activation, end of life care, care coordination, and transparency. Based on these discussions, the SQAC decided to not further pursue obesity, access, parity and health equity, patient safety and integration of community and social

supports with medical care. The SQAC members discussion of the remaining areas will be used to further develop the SQAC's quality priority focus.

4. In wrapping up the meeting, Chair Boros asked for approval of the minutes, the motion was carried and the minutes were approved. Beth Waldman then briefly discussed the next steps for the quality priority process.