



CPAA Council Meeting Summary: August 20, 2015

Welcome and Introductions

The August 20th Council meeting of the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance was held as a teleconference. The focus of the meeting was to summarize the outcomes of the Washington State Health Care Authority's (HCA's) ACH Summit on August 10th, and to review the CPAA's letter of comment for the HCA's Global Waiver Application.

Summarize ACH Summit

The HCA held a summit on August 10th for all of the state's Accountable Communities of Health to come together and discuss the Global Waiver Application. Mike Hickman (ESD 113), Eileen Branscome (Mason General Hospital), and Katherine Lechner (CHOICE) all represented the CPAA at the summit. The main ideas from the summit that these attendees wanted to share with the group were:

- The HCA seems to truly support and desire active engagement from the ACHs throughout the Global Waiver Application process.
- The HCA wants Washington to distinguish itself from other 1115 Waiver models produced in other states. The role of ACHs as coordinating entities seems to be a distinguishing characteristic of the HCA's application.
- The HCA shared two timelines: One focused on the Global Waiver application and implementation process; and the other focused on the progress of the ACHs. Attendees requested that the HCA integrate these two timelines into one document that can be shared with ACHs for planning purposes.
- The HCA is committed to developing trust with the ACHs and recognized the areas of opportunity to do so along with input from attendees. Included were recommendations to increase transparency between organizations, hold regular update meetings, and continue to take ACH's considerations in high regard.

More information on the HCA's Global Waiver Application process can be found on the [Healthier Washington website](http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/medicaid_transformation.aspx). (http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/medicaid_transformation.aspx)

Review CPAA Letter of Comment

For the past few weeks, CHOICE staff had been working with council members to draft a letter of comment in response to the HCA's Global Waiver Application. This letter will be sent to the HCA by close of business on Friday 8/21/15, and will be included in HCA's application packet that they will submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

After discussion regarding whether any important points still needed to be expressed to HCA, the council requested that CHOICE staff revise some of the language in the letter before submitting and publishing.



The main changes included removing the word “supportive” and instead expressing that the CPAA “believes it is important for the state to apply for a global waiver.” The council would also like to emphasize the request that HCA expand their concept of addressing the social determinants of health, and encourage HCA to promote collaboration among state agencies to achieve their Medicaid transformation goals. The council also wanted to express that HCA still needs to give more detailed and thoughtful communication regarding existing Medicaid rate structures and the plan for supporting capacity and sustainability among the ACHs as coordinating entities.

Given the limited amount of time before HCA submits their application to CMS, CHOICE will make the requested changes and sign the letter on behalf of the CPAA Council immediately. The letter will be sent to HCA at noon on Friday, and the council will also be sent a copy of the final letter.

Next Steps

CHOICE staff will incorporate the council’s changes and submit the letter of comment to the HCA on Friday, August 21.

The next CPAA Council Meeting will be **September 10, 2015, 1:00PM–4:00PM** at Summit Pacific Medical Center.

There will be a Data Integration and Community Health Workers Workshop on **September 23, 8:00AM–4:30PM**. The location will be determined and communicated soon.