



CPAA Council Meeting Summary: June 8, 2017

Welcome and Introductions

The June 8, 2017 Council meeting of the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance was held at Summit Pacific Medical Center in Elma, WA with more than 55 people in attendance. Before listing the desired meeting outcomes, CHOICE Executive Director Winfried Danke invited the Council and guests to introduce themselves. The goals of the meeting were to be updated on data, be updated on tribal collaboration, discuss the council consumer representative, review Medicaid Demonstration Certification Phases 1 and 2, review proposed Demonstration Project Areas, discuss wellness funds, review CPAA Board meeting agenda and last month's decisions, learn about the financial integration of managed care and discuss the mid adopter option.

Data Update

Staff provided updates about the following data topics:

Contract with Providence CORE

Staff are updating our needs assessment with the help of Providence CORE through a small technical assistance contract.

Data share agreements

Staff has been in conversation with the Health Care Authority (HCA) to get data sharing agreements in place so that the CPAA has the data it needs to inform its projects and activities. The master agreement will be with HCA, with sub-agreements with CPAA partners.

Regional Health Needs Assessment

Regional health data was received and the CPAA is currently in the process of updating the regional needs assessment. As it is updated, the Regional Health Needs Inventory (RHNI) will be posted and available online.

Tribal Collaboration Update

CPAA Board Directors visited the Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center on May 22. Some of the directors who attended shared some insights from their experience, including some potential partnership opportunities. Denise Walker, Director for the Chehalis Tribe's Wellness Center thanked the group for coming, and extended an invitation for any CPAA participants who would like to come visit the Wellness Center.



Staff also updated the Council on the development of a Committee of Tribes to advise the CPAA, in accordance with the Tribal Consultation Policy, which the CPAA adopted in April. Staff sent out a letter inviting each of the seven tribes to appoint a representative to serve on the committee.

Discuss Council Consumer Representative

Since the Council has yet to receive any applications for a consumer representative, the Council and guests heard from a consumer who attended the meeting. He shared a little bit about himself and his experiences, and answered some questions about his interest in potentially getting involved with the CPAA.

Review Medicaid Demonstration Certification Phases

Phase 1

CPAA learned that it was successful in [Phase 1 of certification for the Medicaid Demonstration](#), with top marks in four out of six sections.

Phase 2

The [certification application for Phase 2](#) is due August 14, 2017. Staff will be working on the documents needed for Phase 2 throughout June and July, and will share them with the Council for review as they are developed.

Review Proposed Project Areas

The group reviewed a general overview of the eight project areas for the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration, and noted some specific questions about the funding mechanics to discuss further over the next couple months.

Criteria & Project Weights

The CPAA used the following main criteria when considering Demonstration project areas:

- True need
- Impact of transforming Medicaid
- Time Frame for results
- Actionable and ready

The group was also reminded that certain projects are weighted more heavily than others, meaning more money is available for those projects. In addition, the Council reviewed the results from the following avenues of project selection: local forum priorities, electronic survey results, recommendations from the CPAA Care Coordination and ACEs work groups, data from Providence CORE, and recommendations from the Executive Director. [The full presentation of all these results and recommendations can be found at cpaawa.org.](#)



After discussing all of these results from throughout the region, the Council agreed to move forward with all eight project areas, with check-ins every month and a focus on the project areas that are weighted for a higher financial potential (care delivery – outer circle), without losing sight of the risk factors (inner circle).

Discuss Wellness Funds

Staff presented the group with a proposal for developing a wellness fund, which would pool resources coming into the CPAA in order to support future community health initiatives in the region. [The concept paper can be found at cpaawa.org.](http://cpaawa.org)

The Council agreed that the CPAA Board should continue to evaluate and explore the wellness fund option and continue the conversation through the summer.

Review CPAA Board Agenda & Last Month Decisions

The Council briefly reviewed last month's CPAA Board decisions:

- Assigned staggered terms of two and three years to all board directors
- Approved Finance Committee and Executive Committee charters
- Elected Finance Committee members
- Approved Authorization Matrix, Decision-Making Flow Chart, and Design Budget for the Phase 1 Certification Application
- Further discussed changing the Council and Board meetings to an hour earlier in the day

[The Council also reviewed the agenda for the June CPAA Board Meeting.](#)

Shared Learning: Financial Integration of Managed Care

Nathan Johnson from the Health Care Authority (HCA) gave a presentation about Financial Integration of Managed Care. [The full presentation can be found at cpaawa.org.](http://cpaawa.org)

The group learned that the entire state will be moving to integrated managed care by January 2020, but there is an option to move to integrated care earlier with financial incentives for that move. So far, two regions—Southwest (early adopter) and North Central (mid-adopter)—have chosen to adopt financial integration prior to the 2020 deadline.

As a mid-adopter, the CPAA region would have a lot more flexibility and ability to influence the process.

Mid-Adopter Discussion

The CPAA Council and guests discussed some potential benefits and challenges to moving to integration as a mid-adopter region. It was clear that the county commissioners need more information about integration in general, and about what role the ACHs play in the process of integration. One suggestion



is to have the county commissioners from the early adopter regions share their perspectives with the CPAA's county commissioners. The group understood that the decisions regarding integration lie with the county commissioners.

Questions remain, and the conversation will continue. Council members and guests are welcome to email or call staff with any further questions or comments.

Next Steps and Important Dates

- The next CPAA Council Meeting will **Thursday, July 13, 2017, 1:00-4:00 PM** in Elma.
- The next CPAA Board Meeting will be **Thursday, July 13, 2017, 4:15-5:15 PM** in Elma.