

Primary Care Task Force Oversight Committee Meeting Summary

July 25, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Robert Allison, MD
Sandy Diegel
Jay Perry

Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Chair
Mary Nettleman, MD
Mark Schmidt

Sen. Alan Solano
Sen. Billie Sutton

Others Present:

Andy Klitzke, DOH
Tom Martinec, DOH

Josie Petersen, DOH
Susan Sporrer, DOH

Welcome

Kim Malsam-Rysdon welcomed the members to the call. Dr. Mary Nettleman shared that South Dakota HOSA students had received numerous awards, including two first place finishes at the 2018 HOSA International Leadership Conference.

Rural Training Track

- ❖ *Report to Joint Committee on Appropriations/Metrics* – Andy Klitzke reviewed the letter received from the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) requesting the Department of Health provide an annual report by December 1st of each year on the Rural Training Track (RTT) including: (1) medical specialties, multi-disciplinary teams, and communities each resident has exposure to; (2) location of physicians completing the Rural Training Track one year and five years after completion; (3) areas of the state with greatest need for family medicine physicians; (4) financial or in-kind contributions to the RTT from any other sources; and (5) any other metrics or outcomes being used to evaluate the program. While some of the metrics identified by JCA are longer term in nature, the DOH has been working with Dr. Huntington on some interim measures for the program including demand for the RTT (e.g., how many applicants).
- ❖ *Medicaid State Plan Update* – Andy reported that the Department of Social Services (DSS) has submitted an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan for the RTT. Two comments of support were received during the public comment period– one from the Center for Family Medicine and one from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, who inquired about how they can be incorporated into RTT services. DSS is expecting approval of the amendment in September with an effective date of July 1st.

Review of Final Task Force Report Draft

The DOH has contracted with Roland Loudenburg with Mountain Plains Evaluation to develop the final report of the Primary Care Task Force and Oversight Committee. Josie Petersen reviewed the rough draft of the final report provided, understanding that there is still much data missing and formatting to be done. Committee members liked the inclusion of key results and the chronological summary of activities of the PCTF within each goal area. Areas the committee wanted to see enhanced were addition of data to provide context to key results and a glossary of acronyms.

The report will also include recommendations from the Oversight Committee for suggested areas of continued focus moving forward. Areas discussed by committee members included: (1) advocating for additional slots/funding for rural residencies; (2) advocacy for telemedicine; (3) providing tools to primary care providers to deal with behavioral health issues; (4) ongoing assessment/review of

recruitment assistance programs to ensure they remain competitive with other programs; and (5) ongoing assessment/review of health care education programs to ensure they meet market demands.

Oversight committee members were encouraged to forward additional thoughts on the final report as well as additional recommendations for inclusion in the final report draft to be reviewed at the October meeting. The DOH will forward a draft copy of the report to the committee by September 14 for review before the next meeting.

Telemedicine

An area of prior discussion by the Oversight Committee has been how to measure the impact of telemedicine in the state. Andy Klitzke provided a summary of current telemedicine services in South Dakota. Avera has multiple service lines including eEmergency, eICU, ePharmacy, eSenior Care, eCare-Correctional Health, and eCare – School Health and has provided over 764,000 patient encounters in South Dakota. Avera eCare includes IHS sites in South Dakota. Sanford One Connect averages 100 telehealth consults per month in South Dakota in a variety of specialty areas. Regional Health is piloting telemedicine use for dermatology consultations to Buffalo and remote monitoring with behavioral health review boards and there are plans to expand services to include provider-to-provider e-consults in dermatology, endocrinology, and nephrology and remote cardiology monitoring. The Veterans Administration (VA) Health System provides home telehealth remote monitoring in Sioux Falls and video health connect to connect veterans to VA providers.

Wrap-Up

The final Oversight Committee meeting will be October 9th from 1-5 in Sioux Falls.