

# Asthma Data Workgroup Minutes

07/28/05, 2:00 to 4:00

Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR 97232-2162

## ATTENDEES:

Susan Arbor (OMAP), Ron Bissell\* (FamilyCare), Rich Clark (MPCHP), Sue Fillmore\* (FamilyCare), Jean Hutchinson\* (OMAP), Janet Kershner\* (Tuality), Patti McIntire\* (CareOregon), Prasad Ravi (Kaiser), Gretchen Reich (ODS). Stacey Schubert (DHS), Eileen Shibbert\* (?), Thomas Smith (phtech), Greg Ulman\* (OMAP), Artie Veira (Providence), Susan Yates-Miller (OMPRO), Khalid Wahab (ODS)

## GUESTS:

Nancy Clark (Quality Corp), Kirsten Jensen (DHS)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sara Beth Weiner will be joining the Oregon Asthma and Tobacco Prevention and Education Programs for a two-year Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) fellowship starting in September; David Rebanal's PHPS fellowship is coming to an end.
- Sarah Tran, a temporary Research Analyst 3, has been hired to coordinate the creation of a comprehensive, web-based Burden of Asthma Report.
- The Asthma Program has a new *CD Summary* out. It is titled "Asthma—Self-Management and Self-Delusion." You can find it online at <http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/cdsummary/2005/ohd5413.pdf>.

## UPDATES:

- Nancy: work on the [Chronic Disease Data Clearinghouse](#) is done. Lots of lessons learned.
- Stacey: Qualis continues working on the Asthma Tobacco Indicator Chart Audit Project ([ATICAP](#)).
- Stacey: for the second consecutive year, the fully-capitated health plans in the OMAP QPIWG are measuring the asthma indicators.

## DISCUSSIONS:

- Draft [Asthma Data Workgroup Fact Sheet](#), developed so that people interested in joining ADWG can learn at a glance what we do, and how we do it.
- [Membership composition](#) of the ADWG.
- [Days' supply](#) for inhalers when calculating the Asthma Indicators.
- CY2004 Asthma Indicator results – two plans had draft results and we began to share the unidentified, aggregate results on the board.

\* People denoted with an asterisk started out the meeting on the phone. Due to an inaudible connection, most of these people did not stay on the call.

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The Asthma Data Workgroup Fact Sheet	<p>Stacey created this draft fact sheet so that people interested in joining the group would have a one-sheet introduction to the group's purpose and structure.</p> <p>The reason Stacey created this sheet is the recent addition of many new members to the workgroup. Without some type of summary document to send new members, some time at the beginning of each meeting has been taken to present a condensed "ADWG 101."</p>	Stacey Schubert and ADWG members	Draft is out for review
Membership of the ADWG	<p>Membership in the ADWG is open to the public. However, if a member of the pharmaceutical community joined the group, many current ADWG members would have concerns. These ranged from pharmaceutical using the meeting to gain access to potential customers, to seeing confidential health plan data. A possible solution is having all members of the ADWG sign confidentiality forms. Workgroup members decided to think over the issue in the next several months and pick up the discussion again in October.</p>	ADWG members	Will discuss at Oct mtg

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Chronic Disease Data Clearinghouse	<p>Big lessons learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearinghouse concept seems feasible and workable</li> <li>• Real opportunity to improve efficiency and care of patients with chronic disease</li> <li>• The Pilot identified issues that need to be addressed to streamline the process and get better results</li> <li>• Most of the issues identified are going to be the same problems that must be solved for future efforts in Pay-for-Quality, public accountability reporting, RHIO development</li> <li>• Probably need another round of data with streamlined &amp; improved processes to validate the value proposition with a larger group of practices</li> <li>• Need to resolve some key issues on matching the patients to provider and practices</li> <li>• Secure financing for an extension of the pilot with streamlined process and broader audience</li> <li>• Run the extended pilot to determine value and expected costs of making a Clearinghouse operational</li> </ul> <p>Questions/comments from the group:  Q: What happens now?  NC: Looking for sources of funding.</p> <p>C: Need to work with Provider Relations, not just Medical Directors, to be as successful as possible with concept.</p> <p>C: Over time, some of the information coming into the data clearinghouse will become more standardized due to market forces, especially HIPAA.</p>	Kirsten Jensen, Nancy Clarke, OMPRO	Pilot project complete

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Asthma Tobacco Indicator Chart Audit Project (ATICAP)	Qualis Health was chosen as the contactor for this project. Two fully captivated health plans are participating (CareOregon, DCIPA), two health plans with commercial lines of business (Kaiser, ODS) and one clinic site (Legacy Clinic Emanuel, Children and Adolescents).	Stacey Schubert	In process
Over the years a number of analysts have indicated that the days' supply field in their database contains inaccuracies, for example, when a canister of short-acting $\beta_2$ -agonist is dispensed and the days' supply field is filled in with a value of one (1). Analysts have had a variety of ways of handling this on their own in the past, but perhaps now is the time to move toward some consistency.	Based on a discussion with Jean Hutchinson, Stacey suggested that any dispensing of an <b>canister</b> medication, if it has a value of less than 30, should be counted as a 30-day supply. Analysts at the meeting concurred.	Stacey Schubert	Decision made; needs to be incorporated into Tech Specs