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Universal Health Plan Governance Board (UHPGB) Values and Principles Work Group
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Minutes

Web link to the meeting video: [Meeting Recording](#)

Web link to the meeting materials:

- [Agenda](#)
- [PowerPoint presentation](#)

Welcome remarks:

Jennifer Donovan, senior policy advisor to the Universal Health Plan Governance Board, welcomed work group members and the viewing public and reminded attendees of the following:

- Work group meetings are not open to public comment; however, public comment is encouraged for board meetings. ([Refer to the board's public comment policy.](#))
- Work groups are a chance for members of the board to further discuss specific topics. No decisions are made in work group sessions on behalf of the board. In this case, the work group will work together on a proposal for values and principles to present to the board.

Board members present:

Vice-Chair Warren George, Amy Fellows, Chunhuei Chi, Debra Diaz and Michelle Glass
Staff members present: Senior Policy Advisor Jennifer Donovan and Executive Assistant Katy DeLuca

Value Recommendation:

Vice-Chair George opened the workgroup discussion by reviewing the value recommendation, from OHA's Health Equity definition. After discussion, the workgroup came to consensus that it should be at the top of our Values & Principles Recommendations document that will be presented to the board.

Four Overarching Principles Identified:

1. Maximize Health
2. Fair Distribution of Medical Resources
3. Minimize Financial Hardship on Individual Patients
 - a. After workgroup discussion, the group came to a consensus that the name of this principle needs to be adjusted to provide more clarification. No consensus was agreed upon on an official change, but Vice-Chair George and Jennifer Donovan will take all suggestions and wordsmith the best option. The workgroup can offer further feedback on this topic in the board meeting on June 20, 2024. Here were the suggestions that were give:
 - i. Minimize individual hardship due to the medical financing system
 - ii. Minimize individual hardship due to medical cost
 - iii. Minimize individual financial hardship due to medical expense (as long as we define terms and include definitions in our document)
 - iv. Minimize individual healthcare financial hardship

- v. Minimize the impact of the cost of medical care on patients
- 4. Community Ownership and Governance

The work group discussed the details of each principle, and the following suggestions were given:

- Maximizing Health
 - a. *Individual Fulfillment*
 - i. Amy Fellows inquired about other state programs/initiatives that may already have existing definitions of “resident” that we can incorporate.
 - b. *Population Measures are Secondary*
 - i. Chunhuei Chi suggested that a short sentence be added that indicates that the board will be working with the Oregonian community to identify appropriate and acceptable population health measurement.
 - ii. There is a type in sentence one under b. – “basis” needs to be changed to bias.
 - iii. Amy Fellows suggested it might be good to clarify who those most impacted communities are – such as disability community, BIPOC (black people, indigenous people, and peoples of color), etc.
 - 1. Michelle Glass suggested an amendment to Amy Fellow’s above suggestion - it should be based on data for health disparities at the time, which could change over time. So, it’s the groups experiencing the greatest health disparities at any given time.
- Fair Distribution of Medical Resources
 - A consensus was made around adding the following sub bullet: ‘recognizing and responding to systematic and structural barriers to accessing healthcare and to achieving good health’.
- Minimize Financial Hardship on Individual Patients
 - Chunhuei Chi suggested that we should add language around “financing being around ability to pay”
- Community Ownership and Governance
 - Workforce readiness needs to be addressed in this section
 - Chunhuei Chi referenced an article that he co-authored that first coined the term and concept of “Community Ownership”. Community ownership, in simple terms, means, ‘any policy or program that will directly and intimately affect a community, that community should have the final voice/final decision-making power.’

Next Steps:

- Jennifer Donovan and Vice-Chair George will work together to make final tweaks to the document and then present that to the board for adoption. If more work is needed and the board doesn’t adopt, then another Values & Principles work group meeting will be scheduled.

Adjourn:

Vice-Chair George adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

