NC Primary Care Payment Reform Task Force | Meeting 5 Minutes

Date: March 6, 2024 **Time:** 8:00 AM

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Attendees (27)

Task Force Members:

| 1 | Bobby Croom - NC Department of Insurance | 4 | Jay Ludlam - NC Medicaid |
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| 2 | Dr. Genie Komives – WellCare of NC (NC Association of Health Plans Medicaid prepaid health plan nominee) | 5 | Dr. Larry Wu – Blue Cross Blue Shield NC (NC Association of Health Plans - commercial nominee) |
| 3 | Hugh Tilson - NC Area Health Education Centers Program | 6 | Dr. Mark McNeil - NC Academy of Family Physicians |

Other Attendees/Guests:

| 7 | Anna Wadhwani - NC Medicaid | 16 | Greg Griggs - NC Academy of Family Physicians staff |
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| 8 | Ben Twilley – Cigna | 17 | Kristen Dubay - NC Medicaid |
| 9 | Brendan Riley - NC Community Health | 18 | Lisa Shock - United |
| | Center Association | 10 | |
| 10 | Chris Paterson - Carolina Complete | 19 | Maggie Sauer - Office of Rural Health |
| | Health | 13 | |
| 11 | Christie Burris - NC Health Connex | 20 | Niya Nelson - NC Medicaid/Accenture |
| 12 | Eamonn McAteer – Blue Cross NC | 21 | Pamela Perry – Carolina Complete Health |
| 13 | Elizabeth Hudgins - NC Pediatric Society | 22 | Samar Muzaffar - United |
| 14 | Elizabeth Kasper - NC Medicaid | 23 | Samuel Thompson - NC Health Connex |
| 15 | External Dial-In | 24 | Shawn Parker - NC Academy of Family Physicians |
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Facilitators:

| 25 | Gary Swan – Freedman Healthcare | | | |
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| 26 | Julia Sledzik – Freedman Healthcare | | | |
| 27 | Mary Jo Condon – Freedman Healthcare | | | |

Meeting Minutes:

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Review of Report Edits and Changes
- 2. Task Force Discussion
- 3. Wrap Up

1. Review of Report Edits and Changes

- Edits Based on Task Force Meeting 4
 - o Ongoing Work

- Designate an entity with the authority to recommend policy changes and support implementation of Task Force recommendations
- Data Collection and Implementation
 - o The implementation of the Task Force's recommendations will require data collection
 - o The report will reflect the Task Force's interest in voluntary data collection
- Funding
 - The report recognized that funding is required to continue Task Force work
 - Provides estimates of funding

2. Task Force Discussion

- Comments and Questions
 - o Are there any suggested additions or revisions to the section?
 - Defining Primary Care in North Carolina
 - Setting Investment Targets for Primary Care
 - Developing Primary Care Data Collection Strategy and Funding Considerations
- Summary of Task Force Discussion
 - Identified that improving primary care in NC starts with having good data. Some members asked the Task Force to reconsider recommending a voluntary data solution. Members discussed the meaning of the term 'authorization' and clarified that it should give an entity permission to collect data from payers.
 - Discussed how payers should meet providers halfway in terms of taking on administrative burdens generally.
 - Discussed the need to address geographic variation in the report.

3. Report Updates

- Deadline for Submissions
 - o Please send your proposed changes to Gary Swan at gswan@freedmanhealthcare.com
- Review Process
 - o To ensure an efficient review, please submit your edits in Microsoft Word format by either:
 - Summarizing your recommended changes in a separate document, or
 - Using the "Track Changes" feature and/or "New Comment" feature for direct edits
- Draft Code Set Modifications:
 - o Should you have suggestions for the draft code set, include them with your submission.