



Participant Advisory Committee/NE
December 14, 2021

Internal Attendance Record (Quorum, if applicable = [# needed or NA]
 (X = phone conference, P = in person attendance)

Mar	June	Sept	Dec	PHW Staff/Observers	Title
X		X	X	Greg Hershberger	Community Outreach Specialist - Chairperson
X	X		X	Marci Kramer	Director, Quality Improvement
X	X	X	X	Shirley A. Stahler	Quality Improvement Specialist I
X	X		X	Heather Eilert	Manager, HEDIS Operations (Non-Clinical)
X	X	X		Joanna Lewis	Manager, Operations
	X			Dr. Venkateswara Davuluri	Senior Medical Director
		X		John Savidge	Quality Improvement Coordinator I
		X		Mollie Lewis	Provider Engagement Communications & Training Specialist
		X	X	Kay Gore	Manager, Community Relations & Outreach
		X		Michael Zimage	Quality Improvement Coordinator I
			X	Susan Foster	Supervisor Case Management
			X	Shane Jeffery	Supervisor Program Coordination
Mar	June	Sept	Dec	ADHOC	Title
X	X	X		Hollie Worthington	Quality Improvement Project Manager
	X	X	X	Keri Harmicar	Director, Marketing & Communications
	X	X		Olivia Martin	Director, Service Coordination
			X	Susan Minarik	Quality Improvement Coordinator
			X	Tamra Nakamura	Quality Improvement Coordinator
			X	Crystal Giles	Supervisor, Grievance & Appeals
			X	Dr. Carla Huitt	Medical Director

External Attendance Record
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Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Name	Title
X	X			CC	LTSS Participant

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				JW	LTSS Participant
		X	X	TS	LTSS Participant
X		X		DH	LTSS Participant
X			X	MG	LTSS Participant
			X	JR	LTSS Participant
X	X		X	Ed Butler	OLTL
	X	X	X	Bailey Carey	PA Health Management
		X	X	Yaasmiyn White	OLTL
		X		Stephanie Semick	OLTL
		X		Sharon Tomforde	OLTL
		X		Maureen Hager	OLTL
		X		Mike Wilkinson	OLTL
	X		X	Jane Alwalah, RN	Adult Day Program Director Westminster Village Allentown

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision (Approved or Denied)	Follow-up Action Needed (Date)	Responsible Party
I. Call to Order	Greg Hershberger called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.	N/A	N/A	Greg Hershberger
II. Announcements +	Greg informed the Committee, that he checked to see if PHW would be able to provide a gift card to the Participants for attending these meetings. He stated that he was told that we could not provide the Participants with a gift card based on the agreement with the State.	N/A	N/A	Greg Hershberger
III. Old Business A. Review/Approval of the Minutes *	Meeting minutes were accepted without any changes.	Accepted	N/A	N/A
IV. New Business A. Complaints & Grievances Quarter 3 (Q3), 2021 B. Customer Service Quarter 3 (Q3), 2021	<p>Tanika Taylor presented the Q3 Complaints & Grievances (C&G) report. She explained that the Access and Availability (A&A) category had the highest volume of complaints in Q3. The volume has come down significantly for Q3. The volume for Q2 was 1,394 and the volume for Q3 was 86. The volume decreased due to collaborating with Customer Service and the Service Coordinators.</p> <p>A&A is the highest category for grievances. The greatest issue is home health and personal assistance hours.</p> <p>Shane Jeffery presented the Q3 Customer Service Report. She stated that Q3 and the year-to-date goals were all met for Participant Customer Services.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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C. Transportation	<p>She then presented the Provider Customer Service metrics for Q3. All goals were met for Q3 and for year- to -date.</p> <p>Shane Jeffery presented the transportation report for January through September 2021. In April, there was an increase in transports, which is attributed to adult daycare opening back up. The number of transports remained steady from April through September.</p> <p>The number of provider no-shows remains low. The highest months were April and May with 9 no-shows per month. The no-shows are addressed with all providers by the Logistics team. If a Participant calls concerning a no-show, MTM will dispatch a new transport.</p> <p>Next the Participant no-shows were addressed. She stated that April had the highest number of no-shows at 20. Participants are educated on cancellations to help prevent future no-shows.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
D. Cultural Competence and Linguistics Assistance (CCLAS) Program Description	<p>Tamra Nakamura presented the Cultural Competence and Linguistics Assistance (CCLAS) Program Description. She explained that the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) identifies organizations that lead the market in providing culturally and linguistical sensitive services, working to reduce health care disparities, and having a focus on addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).</p> <p>PA Health & Wellness (PHW) has adopted the 15 National</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	<p>Standards for Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) as a foundation for their CCLAS Program. CLAS standards ensure services comply with the Office of Civil Rights guidelines for culturally and linguistically appropriate access to health care services. This can be found in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.</p> <p>The principal CLAS standard is, “Provide effective, equitable, understandable and respectful quality care and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy and other communication needs.”</p> <p>Tamra presented Standard 9 to the Committee explaining that this establishes culturally and linguistically appropriate goals, policies, and management accountability, and infuse them throughout the organization’s planning and operations.</p> <p>PHW has set goals to meet the needs of the targeted population by focusing on five areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organizational and Administrative Improvements- PHW addressed this by adopting new policies i.e., PA.QI. CLAS.29 Cultural and Linguistic Policy 2. Cultural Competency-Addressed with PHW Cultural Competency Training 101, completion rate of 91%, goal to increase completion rate to 94% in 2022. 3. Health Equity-CAHPS results for Getting Needed Care showed a composite score of 89.9 % satisfaction rate for 			

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E. Employment	<p>White Participants and 80.8% for Black Participants. 2022 goal is to increase member satisfaction among Black Participants by 2%.</p> <p>4. Language Services- Goal is to build strong processes around identifying and analyzing CLAS complaints and appeals and implementing resolutions.</p> <p>5. Health Literacy- Goal is to promote at least one health literacy tool or skill building educational material to PHW providers in 2022.</p> <p>Tamra stated that this was a high-level view of the process and she would continue to update the Committee going forward. She welcomed any feedback from the participants and any suggestions (programs) to help those in their communities.</p> <p>Ed Butler an Employment Specialist from the Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL) discussed employment services offered for the disabled. He explained that there were five employment services offered by the state. The services provide job coaching and job finding. These services are also offered remotely.</p> <p>On the Person-Centered Service Plan there is a question about the Participants interest in jobs. If the Participant is interested, they will be directed to the Office of Vocational Employment and Rehabilitation. If the Participant is denied, OLTL can work with them.</p> <p>The job services work with the Social Security Administration</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	<p>(SSA) and the Participant to find out how acquiring a job would impact the Participants SSA benefits. SSA is certified for benefits counseling so they can work with the Participants.</p> <p>If the Participant has questions, they can contact the “Ticket to Work helpline”. This line is available to help the Participant in the process. There is a 15-to-20-minute benefits counseling conducted with the Participant.</p> <p>Act 69 which removes income and asset limits for workers with disabilities will be put into place on January 1, 2022. This creates a new category called “Workers with Job Success” which will allow the person to earn up to 600% of the federal poverty level (minus typical Medicaid deductions) and have unlimited cash assets that they earn through their jobs.</p> <p>Under this new act the Participant will pay 7.5% of their income for the insurance premium. This will allow them to keep their Medicaid and home and community-based service waivers.</p> <p>There are many companies looking for people with disabilities to be included in their workforce.</p> <p>If any body has questions, they can reach out to Ed Butler at 717-214-3718.</p>			
VII. Next Meeting Date +	Next meeting will be March 2022.	N/A	N/A	N/A
VIII. Adjournment *	Greg adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.	Adjourned	N/A	N/A

+Informational or Old Business
 *Action Required



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Respectively submitted,

Minutes prepared by (name & title): Shirley A. Stahler, Quality Improvement Specialist I	Signature:	Date: 12/21/21
Minutes approved by (name & title):	Signature:	Date: