
M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

National Chlamydia Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Dial In Information: 877.939.9724, passcode 3833060

Members Present:

Deborah Arrindell, ASHA

Victoria Beltran, CDC

Sonal Doshi, CDC

Susan Gilbert, Partnership for Prevention

Lisa Goldstein, ACOG

Laura Hessburg, National Partnership for Women and Families

Penny Loosier, CDC

Susan Maloney, Partnership for Prevention

Raul Romaguera, CDC

Karen Shea, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Bill Smith, NCSF

Alana Ward, Partnership for Prevention

Minutes:

- Review minutes from July call—no changes
- Update on letter regarding EOBs and confidentiality
 - a. Signed by ACOG, AAP, SAHM and Partnership for Prevention. Letter was sent in a few days before the interim final rules that dealt with the implementation of coverage for preventive services without co-payments or deductibles came out
 - b. Letter is being circulated throughout HHS. Stu Berman and Marilyn Keefe have received it through their respective departments for review. We expect a response, but we are unsure when we will receive it
 - c. We know many other constituency groups that are concerned about confidentiality. It is unclear if the administration will want to address the issue now in the context of preventive services, or if it will attempt to address it more broadly in the future
 - d. Any thoughts, comments, etc.?
 - i. Why did we have a limited sign on? Did we aim to have only medical groups sign?
 - This was only a decision of convenience in the face of time constraints. We wanted it to go out before the final regulations were written
 - We were able to get Abigail English and Rachel Gold to review it for legal considerations before sending it into HHS
 - ii. Should we make more of an effort to get other organizations to endorse it?

Public comments are being accepted until September 17, 2010. Interested

organizations should submit the language in the letter as part of their comments

2. Planning for NCC Meeting
 - a. Save the date: October 28-29, 2010
 - b. Given the interest in the EOB letter, we should do something on adolescent confidentiality at the meeting
 - i. Roundtable? Plenary? Have Abigail English speak again?
 - ii. How does health IT relate? Having an opt-out button providers may select for cases where an EOB should not be issued. Laura Hessburg can check with their person working HIT to see if the opportunity is still available to provide comments on these regulations
 - c. Each committee should put together an agenda for the committee working sessions. What might your committee work on?
 - i. Public awareness committee—CRE demo
 - ii. Provider education committee—Pilot outreach projects to state affiliates of each of the medical professional organizations. Chlamydia slide set, which has grown and is still in development, and tool kit planning. Possibly also expedited partner therapy issues and a joint policy statement on chlamydia screening with AAP
 - iii. Research committee—continued work on many of their ongoing projects. Be sure to check out the research articles of the month. The first research brief is coming out soon, pending review from CDC. Committee is also working to have a representative on the steering committee
 - iv. Policy/advocacy committee—need to meet with Bill, Deb, and Laura to create an agenda for NCC meeting work session. Confidentiality will be on the agenda and possibly some joint work on appropriations or EPT
 - Update on Senate appropriations: language in the bill did not explicitly address the STD Division, IPP or chlamydia. However, this is only because the staffer who wrote the language was not sure what to include in the language. In the end, the Senate language likely will be similar to the House language, which is basically the same as it has been in previous years
3. Discuss membership—will be inviting the following organizations to become members of the coalition:
 - a. National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation
 - b. Council of State Governments (CSG). Their representative, Ann Kelly, will not be able to attend the meeting, but will be an active participant
 - c. Nurse practitioner groups
4. Meeting with Council of State Governments—opportunities for advocacy and policy
 - a. Some collaborative work through cooperative agreements with CDC. Could provide some more opportunities for policy and advocacy committee
5. Evaluation—Sonal Doshi
 - a. Subcommittee includes CDC, Partnership for Prevention staff, and Gale Burstein, Karen Shea, Keith Barton, Yvonne Hamby

- b. The evaluation began in January. CDC has developed a logic model, plans to conduct some one-on-one interviews, and soon a survey will be going out to the entire coalition. Will possibly interview representatives from key groups, for example, the provider organizations
 - c. Aims to have a preliminary report by the end of the year
6. US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) is looking for new people to serve as members of the task force. Suggestions for nominees?
- a. Who would be a good candidate?
 - i. Background on the USPSTF: started in 1985 because of controversy among the various recommending bodies. It operates fairly independently. Looks at the effectiveness of a particular service and the efficacy of delivering the service in a primary care setting. Often health services research is used to determine if the service is efficacious. USPSTF is a very academic group; does massive literature reviews. Goes through a deliberative process to make an opinion on the strength of the evidence. Recently changed the grading system to make it more quantitative and transparent. Needs experts that are familiar with the medical literature on a broad variety of topics and also understand the delivery system in a deep way. Generally very senior people
 - b. USPSTF will also open their recommendations for comment for the first time
 - c. There used to be a family planning recommendation. However, it was not screening or counseling, so it was taken away as it was deemed unnecessary
 - d. Partnership is happy to receive suggestions for nominees
7. Next call: Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 10 a.m. EST
- a. Keep the time on your calendar. However, we may cancel, as it is the week after the NCC meeting