Minutes

Research and OCC Meeting

January 8, 2021/2:30pm EST

Agenda

| # | Topic | Lead Speaker |
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| 1 | Welcome   * OCC Updates   + Working with Office of Veterans Access to Care (OVAC), ensuring integrated process for scheduling care in CC or in VA   + No further updates on CCN, working on Region 5 and awarding Region 6 in the spring   + VISNs Meetings (Referral Coordination Initiative)     - Discussing access, the Referral Coordination Team (RCT) and processes involved     - Have shared data with the VISNS, been eye-opening and productive conversations * Kristin Mattocks – Is there pressure on facilities to spend less on community care, shifting more services back into VA?   + Dr. Brill – Yes, expenditures are running hot     - Individual VAMCs may be feeling some pressure, since they may be unable to make specific choices about allocations     - There are larger policy questions since main expenditures are in places like home health, phsycial therapy, dental, community nursing homes, emergent care (different from urgent care)     - Weighing current vs. future needs   + Kristin Cunningham – with MISSION, there are Veterans who have mandated eligibility for community care (hence the importance for the RCI). VAMC/Veteran specific approach is needed     - Providing education (through RCI/RCT) may assist with Veterans making decisions   + Dr. Greenstone – we do want to confirm that we’re sending care out when it’s needed, but utilizing internal VA options when it’s best     - Important to note that urgent care is separate from emergent care | Kristin Cunningham/Dr. Elizabeth Brill |
| 2 | New CREEK Website Walkthrough   * <https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/centers/creek/default.cfm> * Will provide an update on the HSR&D Needs Assessment next month | Kristin Mattocks |
| 3 | Review of accepted Medical Care Community Care supplement papers   * Papers that will appear in the next supplement * There are two or three papers in the final stages of review * OCC will be co-authoring an editorial, similar to one written a few years ago   + May need to use articles’ abstracts as reference points   + Editorial timeline (good working draft by end of January)   + Supplement is scheduled for later this spring   + Papers to be finalized by mid-March | Kristin Mattocks/ Amy Rosen |
| 4 | PIT+Fee Data Question   * Recent discussion with OPES - they found that the total paid amount using PIT+Fee data is lower than the total paid amount from FMS Community Care financial transaction data for FY2020. Does OCC have any updates? * Matt Czegan – OCC had a call with OPES, had a presentation on what they’re doing, how they’re using their data. OCC provided additional code. Call scheduled for next week as well   + May be areas where all payments aren’t been captured appropriately   + Will provide follow-up at next month’s meeting | Aigerim Kabdiyeva/Melissa Garrido |
| 5 | Wrap Up   * Denise H. – Are there any OCC-specific vaccine rollout plans?   + Dr. Greenstone – IPT has been put together to look into Veterans getting vaccine in the community. In dicussions with TPAs. Two plans in the works:     - Longer term plan would be through the urgent care eligibility     - Short-term – VAMCs are starting to call Veterans, if those Veterans are eligible (ex. Drive-time), they could receive it from in-network pharmacies * Megan V – Are any updates or a timeline for HPP designation being available to Veterans (on va.gov locator tool)   + Dr. Greenstone – Hopes to have a timeline by next month’s meeting | Kristin Cunningham |

Action/Follow-up Items

| # | Action Item | Date Assigned | Person | Due Date | Status |
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| 1 | HSR&D Needs Assessment to be shared on next call (presentation) | 1/8/2021 | Kristin Mattocks | 2/5/2021 | Pending |
| 2 | OPES – PIT+Fee Data Question Follow-Up | 1/8/2021 | Matt Czegan | 2/5/2021 | Pending |
| 3 | HPP – availability on outward-facing site | 1/8/2021 | Dr. Greenstone/CI | 2/5/2021 | Pending |