Meeting Minutes

Research and OCC Meeting

November 6th, 2020/12:00pm EST

Agenda

| # | Topic | Lead Speaker |
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| 1 | Welcome   * Dr. Upton welcomes the research team, thanks members for supporting the work. Invites feedback about progress and projects * Dr. Mattocks – Spreadsheet with Fall 2020 OCC Grant Submission Tracking   + 14 projects, grant submissions are due by the 2nd week of December (coming due in the next week or two), next steps involve talking to HSR&D about reviewers | Kristin Cunningham  Dr. Brill |
| 2 | Fall 2020 OCC Grant Submissions | Kristin Mattocks |
| 3 | Transition to Cerner   * Will PPMS be affected? * MM – Spokane coming online CDW will be affected, would PPMS be affected as well? * Dr. Sandrow confirmed that PPMS has not been impacted by the Cerner Deployment | Michelle Mengeling |
| 4 | Pulling data for a pre/post implementation study of the Outpatient Psychiatry SEOC (combining CPTs)   * Would it be more useful to study 6 and 12 month SEOCs together, or separately?   + Many overlap, but some are 6/12 month specific. Is it ok to combine them analytically? * Dr. Campbell – Has to do with the frequency of care. Some Vets will have therapy/medication management is once a week rather than once a month   + Wants to verify   + 12 month period (once a month)     - Complementary integrated health, specifically hypnosis   + 6 month period (once a week)     - Intensive or regular therapy   + 45 day period     - in-patient | Megan Vanneman  Taylor Kelley |
| 5 | Quality Criteria – applied in selecting CCN providers for VA purchased care?   * CMS Hospital Compare and other metrics were proposed for use, but are they actually being used in practice now? * Does VA have a say in who’s going the network, is it the TPA?   + Dr. Brill – the main step is credentialing (done by TPA). There is also High Performing Provider (HPP) designation and educational pieces [trainings], but not fully mature yet   + It’s in an early phase, not ranking providers yet, over time will be sorted into categories (complete/incomplete) * Todd Wagner – collective contracting, the on/off switch is important. HPP rank order them, would we ever exclude someone if a Veteran chose them?   + Dr. Brill – exclusion criteria generally have to do with peer-review issues, could be other things, VAMC could be alerted (HEDIS?)     - Once people have met a certain bar, then we bump up against network adequacy     - Trying to find a middle ground that allows the Veteran to choose and weigh the providers against measures that are important to them * Dr. Mattocks – is the idea that HPP designations will be placed on the VA facilitor locator?   + Dr. Brill – right now it’s in PPMS, the scheduler can see it     - HPP isn’t available for every specialty at the moment   + Dr. Upton – in discussion to make it more public, but there are many factors at play, wouldn’t want to release until all the factors are more mature. This is emerging and there is more to come on this     - A focused discussion with SMEs on high performing provider functionality, PPMS and the facility locator     - KM – sounds good | Amy Rosen |
| 6 | Procedures – institutional/professional claims for cardiac cath and colonoscopies   * Diagnostic procedures (for cardiac cath and colonoscopies) first pass at data, not a lot of CC auths   + Above questions Why might there not be a lot of auths?   + Seeing claims in PIT, but not claims?   + Seeing professional services (could be inpatient), any situation where a SEOC would preclude delivery of care on the inpatient side?     - Dr. Brill – Good question for Leo. These can be included in a general SEOC for cardio (giving provider leeway). May be a different authorization for inpatient (ex. ER with chest pain) – theortically claims can’t be paid without the authorizations     - Have tried to avoid having very narrow SEOCs     - Colonoscopy – may still be inside a GI SEOC   + Cardic Cath – would it ever be the case that it was urgent and the authorization is retroactively applied?     - Dr. Brill – Yes, it’s possible.     - K. Cunningham – If it were 1725, could it be in there?     - Dr. Sandrow – it couldn’t be under the ER authorization | Avery Laliberte  Denise Hynes |
| 7 | Wrap Up | Kristin Cunningham |

Action/Follow-up Items

| # | Action Item | Date Assigned | Person | Due Date | Status |
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| 1 | Dr. Greenstone & Sandrow/Cerner-PPMS | 11/6/2020 |  | 11/6/2020 | Completed |
| 2 | Dr. Campbell/Megan Vanneman | 11/6/2020 |  |  | Pending |
| 3 | SME Discussion about PPMS/public listings of HPP | 11/6/2020 |  |  | Pending |
| 4 | Dr. Greenstone/Denis Hynes (Cardic Cath/Colonoscopy SEOCs) | 11/6/2020 |  |  | Pending |