

Physician Advisory Council on Asthma

October 29, 2002

Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street - Room 918

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Attending: Bev Bauman, OHSU; Allen Johnson, Regence; Doreen Kiss, Legacy Emanuel; Mel Kohn, DHS; Tom Stibolt, Kaiser Permanente

Item	Conclusions	Action Items
1. Introductions, Welcome, Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mel Kohn welcomed the council members and introductions were made.• Mel announced that the Asthma Program has undergone some major staff changes. Most notably is the bad news that Justin Waltz was in a serious bicycle accident and will be recuperating for some time. The good news is that Rachel Shapiro had a healthy baby boy on October 25, and Geeta Kumar will join the program in December as the Asthma Care Improvement Coordinator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geeta Kumar will start work with the Asthma Program on December 2.
2. Report from CDC National Asthma Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tom Stibolt shared a presentation he gave at the National Asthma Conference about the Kaiser Care Management Institute's program using asthma administrative data to assist clinicians in improving care. The presentation and discussion that followed centered around the data resources providers need to support patient management. Tom encouraged council members to go to the CMI website to look at and use some of the initiatives and tools CMI has developed to improve chronic disease care. The council agreed that key information includes pharmacy data and emergency department visits. Allen Johnson asked if ICD10 codes could allow for coding of severity of asthma.• Karen Burrell gave an overview of the CDC National Asthma Conference held October 23-25. Our federal colleagues and counterparts in other states continue to be	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A copy of Tom's presentation is included with the minutes (CMI Atlanta.ppt).• The Kaiser Care Management Institute's website is pkc.kp.org.• Stacey Schubert will follow up with the National Center for Health Statistics about ICD10 codes and report to the council at the next meeting.

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	impressed and envious of the partnerships formed in Oregon to address asthma and other important health issues.	
3. Patient Management Data for Providers: Chronic Disease Data Clearinghouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen Johnson provided a history and overview of the Chronic Disease Data Clearinghouse concept. The purpose of this project is to merge data from different sources to make it more useful to physicians. Allen stressed that this should be a <u>systems</u> evaluation tool rather than a <u>physician</u> performance evaluation tool. • The council agreed that access to action plans and reports on medication use are useful to providers. • Doreen Kiss noted that asthma is difficult because of the subjective measurements of the disease. Patients report that they are fine. It would be helpful to providers to have examples of specific questions to ask (e.g. questions about nocturnal symptoms) and tools to quantify symptoms (e.g. peak flow measurements the night after experiencing symptoms, peak flow measurements once a week). These may be appropriate components to incorporate into the Resource Bank. • Tom recommended that a good report to start with is a high-risk list that was kept very short at first. For example, a list of patients who filled 12 beta₂-agonist prescriptions in one year. • Bev Bauman asked if any systems tracked patients who needed urgent care. McKesson provides lists of patients who called for help at night. Doreen shared that Emanuel Pediatrics automatically schedules all people who call at night for asthma with an appointment the next morning, no matter what. Systematic data collection does not exist at this time. • Allen recommended that the Asthma Program survey emergency departments to see if they have protocols for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geeta Kumar, the new Care Improvement Coordinator will look into surveying emergency departments about asthma protocols. • Nancy Clarke will give the recommendations for high-risk patient reports and processes to the contractor to get input from physicians about designing clearinghouse input. • Geeta Kumar will pursue the recommended list of questions as a physician tool to accompany the guidelines.

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	treating patients with asthma. The Care Improvement Coordinator (Geeta Kumar) will follow up on this recommendation.	
4. Asthma Data Tracking Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council discussed the requirements for the Requests for Grant Proposals (RFGP's) for asthma tracking projects. The council recommended that the RFGP's be available statewide, that the funding provided be commensurate to the size of the project, projects should demonstrate sustainability, preference should be given to applicants who demonstrate a commitment to asthma, and key members of the organization must be committed to project (administrator, physician champion, etc.). • Tom, Allen, and Bev agreed to participate in the review process for funding the asthma tracking projects. Doreen abstained, as Emanuel Pediatrics may be an applicant. • The council recommended publicizing the RFGP's through IPA's, professional organizations, and the Oregon Asthma Network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Burrell will incorporate comments into the RFGP draft and circulate for further comment. • Karen Burrell will arrange the review process.
Pending Issues		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – Tuesday, February 4, 2003, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 918. • Topic for next meeting – Physician tools. • Allergist vacancy -- Richard Buck resigned from the council for professional reasons. There is now a vacant position for an allergist. If you have recommendations for an allergy representative, please contact Karen Burrell, (503) 731-8394, karen.e.burrell@state.or.us. 		

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