

**State and Public School Life and Health Insurance
Quality of Care Sub-Committee**

Minutes

January 9, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.

The State and Public Life and Health Insurance Board, Quality of Care Committee met on January 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the EBD Board Room, 501 Woodlane, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Members Present

Shelby McCook
Dr. William Golden
Dr. Joseph Thompson
Dr. Michael Moody
Tom Emerick
Caryol Hendricks
Carol Shockley
Renee Mallory

Members Absent

Ray Montgomery
Dennis Moore
Ed Bullington
Phyllis Wilson
Steve Madigan

Sharon Dickerson, Executive Director, Employee Benefits Division, DFA

Others Present

George Platt, Stella Greene, Connie Diggs, Kim Wilmot, Shannon Roberts, Jason Lee, Kate Nurmohamed, Cathy Harris, EBD; Rhonda Jaster, EBD/ACHI; Bryan Meldrum, Nova Sys; Barbara Melugin, BCBS/HA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Shelby McCook.

Approval Of Minutes

Minutes were approved as amended by consensus.

Introduction Of New Committee Chair & Review Of Legislation *by Sharon Dickerson, Exec. Director*

Dickerson thanked Dr. Golden for serving as Chairman on the Quality of Care Committee. Dickerson read a passage from the legislation; Arkansas Code § 21-5-404 - section (D) (i).

Dickerson introduced McCook as the new Chairman of the Quality of Care Committee. McCook has had previous experience in Quality Initiatives as he served on the Clinton Quality Initiative several years ago.

Hedis Provider Level Measures Analysis Update *by Joe Thompson, MD, MPH Director, ACHI*

Dr. Thompson said they need to push the system to deliver high quality and low cost care. The desirable attributes of measures include scientific soundness; relevance, feasibility and level of specification and sampling required related to use of measure and level of system.

Dr. Thompson talked about EBD's goals to monitor quality and EBD provider quality assessment.

Quality of care measures selected (HEDIS)

- **Breast cancer screening**
- **Comprehensive diabetes care**
 - **HbA1c Screening**
 - **LDLC Testing**
 - **Eye Exam**

The Arkansas Center for Health Improvement recommended strategic plan: Appropriate use of quality indicators for assessment of health system performance.

The Regional Quality Improvement (RQI) Update *by Dr. William Golden*

The Regional Quality Improvement (RQI) initiative is a Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) initiative to test Medicaid's capacity to promote system-wide improvements in chronic care delivery. The Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care and Arkansas Medicaid are leading the coalition, which represents over 1.1 million covered lives.

Dr. Golden reported the RQI received data from all the participating insurance companies in July 2007 and completed an experimental analysis in November 2007. Dr. Golden reported they now have composite data on three diabetes measures, and good data on cervical cancer screenings and access to care. Dr. Golden said they will meet with the participating parties and will place an article in the Medical Journal as well.

Chairman McCook said the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board will be happy to assist the coalition in furthering the cause.

Other Business

Dr. Thompson talked about the absence of a statewide trauma system in Arkansas.

Meeting Adjourned