**Agenda**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Discussion: Waiver Renewal**

* Review questions/comments from Cohort members about Waiver renewal documents shared by HHSC: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/waiver-renewal.shtml>
  + On May 1, 2016, CMS approved an extension of the Texas 1115 Medicaid Waiver for a 15-month period that covers demonstration year 6 (DY6) and three months of DY7 (Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017).
    - During this transition period, the DSRIP and UC pools will be extended at their existing DY5 funding levels for the first 12 months (Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017) and will then be prorated for the 3 remaining moths of the 15-month waiver extension (Oct. 2017 – Dec. 2017). During DY6, HHSC and CMS will continue to negotiate a long-term renewal of the waiver.
  + Performance Bonus Pools (PBP) on hold for DY6, but not off the table. We may want to continue discussions. We now have more time to prepare for PBPs.
    - Available Category 3 funds will be earned for continuing to report DY5 outcomes under the current assessment methodologies
    - Available Category 4 funds will be earned for continuing to submit information on reporting domains 1-5 (RD‐1 – Potentially Preventable Admissions, RD‐2 – 30‐day Readmissions, RD‐3 – Potentially Preventable Complications, RD‐4 – Patient Centered Healthcare, and RD – 5 Emergency Department measures)
  + HHSC approved combination projects will most likely continue. HHSC may offer another window to combine projects in the future per discussion during HHSC Anchor call 5/13.

1. **Break**
2. **Discussion: Project Evaluation/Sustainability Discussion**

* Discuss how providers are currently evaluating DSRIP projects (or other organization projects)
* Review the Program Assessment Sustainability Tool shared at the RHP 8 and 17 joint learning collaborative event
* Share best practices and lessons learned from those who have evaluated projects and found areas of improvement
  + Projects will report on sustainability during October reporting in DY6. HHSC is currently proposing this metric would account for 25% of your Cat 1 or 2 project valuation.
  + HHSC liked the George Warren Sustainability Tool. Reporting may be similar to this format. We do not know, yet.
  + WilCo EMS
    - Contracting with hospitals to expand service agreements for various patient types related to community health paramedicine project to increase sustainability.
    - Recommends providers utilize in-house videographer/communications departments to produce project videos/get the word out about project successes.
  + Baylor Scott & White included IGT Entity in sustainability discussions to prepare when DSRIP is over.
  + MCO collaboration:
    - MCO Provider reps have quick turnover – resulting in relationships having to be reestablished.
    - Number of MCO members impacted are few in regards to DSRIP patients, so the MCO is not as interested in collaborating with DSRIP providers.
    - DSRIP/MCO crosswalk presented at MCO forum was helpful.
    - WilCo EMS finds Medicare MCO interested in collaboration.
    - Providers should prepare for the end of DSRIP; review HEDIS/NQF measures for sustainability data efforts – movement towards showing data in addition to telling patient impact stories. Discuss how to make services billable.
* Local community collaborations are strong. However, community funds to assist with project sustainability are limited.
* Sustainability Tool Use:
  + Good starting point for providers/leadership discussions to help prioritize where to start/target planning. For example, start with categories receiving lowest scores; planning meetings with leadership and project leaders/staff.
  + Bluebonnet reviewing categories with wide range of scores from staff.

1. **Open Forum Discussion**

* Opportunity for participants to share questions/comments/concerns related to current Waiver activities (e.g., compliance review, Category 3, etc.)
  + Topic: Stretch Activity 4 - WilCo EMS/WCCHD’s Community Health Paramedicine project is one of four other providers in the state who opted to do Stretch Activity 4 .Providers joined together, proposed report style to HHSC, and HHSC approved the providers to work together on one report to submit for DY5 reporting.
  + Topic: MSLC concerns
    - Data requests are offered in short turnaround times. Extension requests generally granted.
    - Requesting additional data after reports already run/information already provided to MSLC by providers.
  + Topic: QPI/MLIU/Patient Financial Status
    - Bluebonnet is working with project managers to make sure they are collecting the needed information for reporting QPI/MLIU. Project managers are aware of their targets and get status reports so they know where they stand throughout the year.
    - Wilco EMS finds it difficult to identify patient’s financial status (MLIU) in some crisis/911 emergency situations. Bluebonnet has a quick, 3 question financial status form (“Financial Light”) to speed up the screening process is certain situations. Questioning what will be adequate for HHSC and MSLC audit. Anchor encourages providers to share concerns with HHSC via email.
    - MLIU status versus MLIU payer source is still an unanswered question.
  + DY5 April reporting IGT estimates were sent out. Previous IGT amounts available on the HHSC website. Be sure to copy the Anchor on IGT submission trace sheets so the Anchor can better assist providers.
  + **Save the date:** Learning Collaborative July 28 at Baylor Scott & White in College Station, 10am – 3pm.

1. **Next Steps: Review Action Items and Adjourn**

* Next meeting:   
  Thursday, June 16  
  11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
  Bluebonnet, Round Rock

**Action Items**

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| **Person Assigned** | **Task** | **Date to be Completed** | **Completed/ Not Complete** |
| Members | May identify new/additional cohort direction since PBPs not on the table for DY6. However, continue some PBP discussions in addition to Waiver Renewal at next meetings. Review draft PBP measures at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-docs/012616/Performance-Bonus-Pool.pdf>. Identify how your projects might affect/not affect the measures. Explore how you will gather the needed data. |  |  |
| Members | Review the George Warren Sustainability Tool prior to the next meeting. The Cohort may draft a proposal to share with HHSC for the DY6 Sustainability/Evaluation reporting metric so HHSC understands what types of data providers are able to provide. Keep it simple. |  |  |
| Anchor team/Co-facilitators | Meet to discuss sustainability/evaluation template to share information with members prior to the June meeting. |  |  |