

**SECRETARY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTHCARE
TRANSPARENCY MEETING
January 11, 2007
1:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Corbin
Office of Health Policy

Paige Franklin
KY Hospital Association

Frank Jemley
Atticus Ventures, LLC

Denny Jones
Humana, Inc.

John Lewis, MD
Health Care Excel

Dustin Miller
Kentucky Association of
Health Plans

Pat Padgett
Kentucky Medical Association

David Smith (on behalf of
Greg Coulter)
Mental Health/Mental Retardation

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Larry Bone
Four Rivers Health Care
Purchasing Alliance

John Burt, EdD
Department for Mental Health
and Mental Retardation

Victor Cooper, DC
Cooper Chiropractic Center

Tom Granatir
Humana, Inc.

William Hacker, MD
Department for Public Health

Glenn Jennings
Department of Medicaid
Services

Marty White
Kentucky Medical Association

Ben Yandell
Norton Healthcare

Bill Tatum
Angell-Demmel North America

STAFF: Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Policy
Sheena Lewis Tricia Okeson Beth Sanderson

Office of Information Technology
Pam Soto Upendar Tulluru

GUESTS: Bryan Sunderland, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Tim Snyder, Humana, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Corbin called the meeting to order at the Salato Wildlife Center.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of October 2, 2006, were approved without change.

DATA ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Tricia Okeson provided an update on the Data Advisory Subcommittee. The main focus of the November 2 meeting was the webpage and how the data should be displayed. The next step will be looking at the hospital charge information and focusing on the way that the procedure codes are incorporated, specifically the primary diagnosis code and the relationship between that and the DRG in order to provide the appropriate severity levels that are assigned to each elective surgical procedure. Before Mark Fazey retired, he was able to determine the model to use to perform this task. We will be discussing this at the next Data Advisory Subcommittee meeting.

OVERVIEW AND PRESENTATION OF TEST WEBSITE

Chris presented an overview of the test website. The website was divided purposefully into hospital information and elective surgical procedures. Ultimately, when we get to the charge data, this will be the background specific to the hospital charge information. The quality measures are still within hospitals but provide the comparison to the inpatient quality indicators. He also stated that this is where the Prevention Quality indicators would be housed. Prevention Quality indicators are defined as the quality of the care within a community. It provides why patients are admitted to the hospital in the first place. Hopefully, it will acquaint people the information about their own person responsibility toward chronic conditions and encourage the providers in that community to focus on some of these chronic conditions.

Other Resources – the hospital compare data is included here, as well as the links to the value-driven health care homepage. There is a link to the *Better Care, Lower Cost* brochure from the federal government in terms of health care information.

Other highlights of Chris' presentation included:

- On the hospital list, each hospital is listed with their homepages, their county, number of beds, and links that will take the user to Mapquest. Chris noted that the names of all CEO's will be removed.
- Currently, the pull-down menu displays inpatient quality indicators. Ultimately, information on prevention quality indicators and charge data will be available.
- User is able to save information via Excel or .pdf file in order to provide more user-defined opportunities.
- Ranking was removed from KHA's site but a sort can still be performed.
- PQI will be available to hospitals and members prior to the website going live.

- February 20th roll-out date does not include charge data.

Paige asked if there had been any news regarding the collection of outpatient ER data. At this time, there is no new information.

REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

NEXT STEPS

The next meeting date is proposed for Thursday, April 12, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.