Data Workgroup Meeting Notes
September 6, 2018

In attendance: Jesse Gelwicks, Laurel Lee, Allen Esaacson, Leah Becknell, Kathleen Lovgren, David Hudson, David DiGuiseppe, Daniel Smith, Sarah Bartelmann.

Action Items from July Meeting
David Hudson reviewed action items from last meeting, including:

- New representative from Beacon Health Options (Leah Becknell) has joined the workgroup
- CHPW and Molina provided information on any internal efforts to increase MAT provision

SWACH Updates
Daniel Smith provided the following updates:

- SWACH’s new Executive Director, Barbe West, started in August. Barbe will be joining the Data Workgroup for a future meeting. SWACH has also hired a new Community Engagement Coordinator (Jamie Smeland) and a new Communications Director (Jack Coleman).
- SWACH released a Request for Interest (RFI) for Community Serving Agencies on Sept 5th. An informal letter of intent to apply is requested by Sept 28th and the RFI is due Oct 31st. More information online: [https://southwestach.org/for-partners/partner-resources/rfi/](https://southwestach.org/for-partners/partner-resources/rfi/)
- SWACH has received Transformation Plans from 21 clinical partners and expects to receive several more this fall. SWACH is currently organizing the information in the completed plans and mapping out an overview of what the region as a whole is trying to accomplish. Next steps will include more detailed review and negotiating binding agreements with partners by the end of the year.
- SWACH staff are currently conducting an environmental scan in Klickitat and Skamania counties, focused on identifying potential care coordinating agencies (CCAs). Additional mapping of care coordination services and activities across the whole region is an ongoing effort. An upcoming Pathways summit will be the venue for additional decision making re: Pathways.

Workgroup Updates
This new agenda item is an opportunity for workgroup members to share any data-related updates from their organizations, including new or updated data sources, interesting projects or analyses, etc... that may be of interest to workgroup members.

- Sarah Bartelmann provided an update on a joint CORE and Healthy Living Collaborative effort: Community Connections – an initiative to obtain and link individual-level, identified data across sectors (health, housing, education) to understand the shared populations and the relationship between outcomes in and across the sectors. The project has focused initially on housing data; some initial findings may be available later this fall. Next steps include incorporating Medicaid data for the region.
• David Hudson and Kathleen Lovgren shared a new Clark County Public Health initiative: Community Priorities Project. This effort is a follow up from a 2011 project to combing multiple data sources identify the neighborhoods with the greatest disparities and what the issues are in communities across Clark County. The project spans six subject areas: maternal/child health, substance use, chronic disease, mental health, healthy eating/active living, and trauma-informed youth. Data include public health (birth, death, survey), crime, 911, height and weight from drivers’ licenses, and more. A report is expected early 2019.

• Leah Becknell gave an overview of Beacon’s crisis data dashboards. These dashboards provide a monthly overview of trends in utilization and need across the county. Similar dashboards with regional customization are in development for Skamania county (interest in EMS/law enforcement perspective and child neglect/abuse), and will be explored for Klickitat in the future. They are available online at: http://wa.beaconhealthoptions.com/about-us/services/swwa-crisis-system/swwa-crisis-collaboratives/

Revised Measurement Guide
Sarah Bartelmann gave an overview of key changes in the updated measurement guide released by the Health Care Authority in August. These include the final Pay for Performance (P4P) measures, the application of regional attribution criteria for the P4P measures, how improvement targets are calculated, how ACHs can earn partial credit, and the development of the High Performance Incentive pool and inclusion of dual eligible members in the High Performance measures. The guide also includes the final Pay for Reporting (P4R) measures, although the workgroup did not discuss this section.

The revised guide, including all measure specifications, can be found online at: https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/mtp-measurement-guide.pdf

The workgroup also reviewed SWACH’s current performance on the P4P measures. Note that measures presented in the P4P Dashboard have not been statistically tested for comparison to the state average.

Monitoring Data Products
Sarah also introduced the proposed approach for monitoring SWACH’s projects and P4P measures, as well as other indicators of interest, for workgroup discussion and feedback. SWACH hopes to make decisions about monitoring later this fall and will likely ask for workgroup feedback on proposed indicators and data product design via email.

Discussion included whether the monitoring data products would include project and/or workgroup level focus, ensuring that any monitoring reports help ensure the region is on track to “meet” the P4P metrics – including identifying the right proxy indicators or supplemental data sources to mitigate claims lag and the delay in state reporting, and if/when the workgroup will engage in any evaluation planning.

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held Thursday, Nov 1.

Potential agenda items include continued discussion on SWACH’s monitoring plans, update on the Clinical Transformation Plans and non-clinical partner RFI processes, and another round of workgroup updates.

Action Items
N/A