

Advisory Committee on Healthcare Innovation & Evaluation (ACHIEv)

Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2024

Hybrid Meeting occurred via Zoom/Labor and Industries, Tukwila; Room C20

Members Present

David Folweiler, DC | Chair
Kelly Golob, DC
Stephen Thielke, MD
Kirk Harmon, MD
Jane Dale
Tricia Daniel
Laurie Gwerder, ARNP

Members Not Present

Louis Lim, MD
John Meier
Sybill Hyppolite
Nicole Gomez
Andrew Friedman, MD

Kim Wallace
Gary Franklin
Mike Ratko
Karen Jost
Diana Drylie
Ji Young Nam
Azadeh Farokhi
Morgan Young
Jason Fodeman
Bob Waring
Jennifer Jutte
Amy Updike
Cheri Ward
Tiffany Meeks
Victoria Rich

Welcome (David Folweiler)

Introductions

ACHIEv Chair David Folweiler called the meeting to order and led introductions.

Review & Approve Agenda

Committee members reviewed and approved the January 25, 2024 ACHIEv agenda with no changes.

Approve Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2023 Meeting

Committee members reviewed and approved the October 26, 2023 ACHIEv meeting minutes with no changes.

Safety Tip

Safety tip on building good mental health habits and resolutions.

Committee Support (Gary Franklin and David Folweiler)

Introduction of New Associate Medical Director for Psychology

Gary Franklin introduces Jennifer Jutte to the committee. Gary shared about Jennifer's prior education and experience and also his vision of this role moving forward.

Recognition and Appreciation

David Folweiler recognized Stephen Thielke for his expertise and his time served on the ACHIEv advisory committee.

Legislative Updates (Karen Jost)

Karen reviewed the current legislative bills L&I is monitoring.

- HB 1041 and SB 6144: Prescriptive authority of psychologists
- HB 1310, SB 5633 and HB 2041: Physician assistant collaborative practice
- HB 1546: Good faith pain act
- HB 2116 and SB 6019: Prescriptive authority of pharmacists
- SB 5335: Washington health trust
- SB 5995: Professional license for spoken language interpreters and translators

Insurance Services Operational Health Dashboard (Mike Ratko)

Mike presented the current operational metrics including data on claim volume, time loss, long-term disability, permanent disability, and medical cost growth. Committee members asked if more detailed data are available regarding pension claims. L&I will follow up on this request at a future meeting.

ACHIEv Charter- Proposed Changes (David Folweiler and Kim Wallace)

Kim reviewed the changes the committee made at the October 2023 meeting on the charter as the notes are displayed and live scribed to the committee. Key changes include: removing “alternate” membership positions, establishing a re-nomination step for a three-year term after the completion of an initial three-year term, establishing a limit of 15 total years for committee membership, changing the one-year term for officers to two years, and establishing a limit of six consecutive years for serving in an officer position. The committee approved all changes. The new charter will be prepared for the April 2024 meeting.

Elect 2024-2025 Officers:

David called for nominations for 2024-2025 Officers. David Folweiler was nominated as Chair, John Meier was nominated as Vice Chair. The committee voted unanimously to approve these nominations.

Conflict of Interest Forms:

The current IIMAC Conflict of Interest Form was shared for committee review. The committee discussed potential pros and cons of requiring this form for ACHIEv members. The committee decided that further discussion is needed, and that this topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

Surgical Quality Care Program – SQCP (Brooke Allan-Davis)

Brooke reviewed the status and timeline of the SQCP. Discussion included the incentives, both financial and non-financial.

Want to Do Topic (David Folweiler) – Insert the topic here

David led a discussion of the issues related to this topic. Committee members shared their observations and concerns re: delays in the overall claim process, including claim acceptance and treatment authorization. The committee agreed that a goal would be to streamline the process as initial delays will often turn into long term delays. The overarching desire is getting the worker to appropriate treatment timely. The committee agreed that further discussion is warranted. David Folweiler, John Meier, and Jane Dale will meet with L&I to plan for the next discussion at the April 2024 ACHIEv meeting.

Public Comment (David Folweiler)

None

Meeting Wrap-Up (David Folweiler)

Debrief New Location

Committee members discussed and gave feedback about the meeting experience today in the new location, Tukwila, WA. Virtual attendees shared that the audio was decent but that in-person speakers could be heard better when they were holding a microphone. It was agreed that the room audio needs to be improved and refined if possible. David expressed a desire to see more people in person as it tends to create more robust discussion.



Agenda Requests for April 2024

Karen Jost shared that L&I hopes to be ready to present about COHE QI project planning at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53am.