

Advisory Committee on Healthcare Innovation & Evaluation (ACHIEv)

Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2023

Hybrid Meeting occurred via Zoom/Sea-Tac Conference Center

Members Present

David Folweiler, DC | Chair
John Meier | Vice-chair
Kelly Golob, DC
Stephen Thielke, MD
Andrew Friedman, MD
Kirk Harmon, MD
Louis Lim, MD
Jane Dale
Tricia Daniel
Sybill Hyppolite
Nicole Gomez
Sandra Lester, DC (Alternate)

Members Not Present

None

L&I Staff Present

Kim Wallace
Gary Franklin, MD
Mike Ratko
Karen Jost
Diana Drylie
Ji Young Nam, MD
Azadeh Farokhi, MD
Morgan Young, DC
Bob Waring, MD
Jason Fodeman, MD
Cheri Ward
Tiffany Meeks
Victoria Rich

Welcome (David Folweiler)

Introductions

ACHIEv Chair David Folweiler called the meeting to order and led introductions.
New ACHIEv member introduced: Nicole Gomez

Review & Approve Agenda

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

Approve Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2023 Meeting

Committee members reviewed and approved the July 27, 2023 ACHIEv meeting minutes with no changes.

Safety Tip

Safety tip on Slips, Trips and Falls.

ACHIEv Charter (David Folweiler and John Meier)

Purpose Statement:

The committee reviewed a draft ACHIEv purpose statement and agreed on the following revised version:

“The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Healthcare Innovation and Evaluation (ACHIEv) is to help identify, implement, and evaluate initiatives that improve equity and access for workers and quality of health and return to work outcomes that benefit workers and the community.”

Additional Charter Updates/Changes:

The committee reviewed changes to the charter proposed by L&I and recommended some revisions. A revised version will be presented at the January 2024 meeting for vote.

ACHIEv 2024 Agenda Planning (David Folweiler)

The committee reviewed a draft ACHIEv agenda template that laid out a framework for agenda building in 2024. The template includes sections for “need to do” items, “want to do items,” and committee “housekeeping”. There are four high-level themes that inform the committee’s work: medical provider network, quality, occupational health best practices, and innovation.

The committee discussed how to prioritize “want to do” topics for 2024. The top three topics were as follows: 1. Reducing delays in medical care; process improvements in UR, 2. Increase use of medical treatment guidelines, 3. Preventing and reducing disability; resources to help providers determine appropriate work restrictions. Volunteers came forward offering to help prepare these topics for subsequent meetings.

Behavioral Health Integration Project (Megan Lemon and Morgan Young)

Megan and Morgan reviewed the current status of Behavioral Health Integration including definitions, overview of coverage and payment policy, and other project details such as the MLT pilot data. The project timeline was reviewed. The policy will be published on the L&I website January 1, 2024.

Feedback included discussion on provider satisfaction with the system, conversation around the number of therapy sessions now covered and ideas on reaching out to more providers in other states by offering virtual sessions.

2024 Meetings (Kim Wallace)

Upcoming ACHIEv meetings for 2024 will be conducted at the L&I Tukwila office. Kim reviewed the benefits of the move including cost savings, convenience, access to up-to date technology for hybrid capabilities, and improved parking.

Feedback regarding in-person vs. hybrid meetings was that in-person is preferred due to increased participation and engagement but committee members understandably find remote

attendance to be necessary and/or convenient. Chair Folweiler and Vice Chair Meier encouraged members to plan to attend two meetings per year in person. Meeting dates, frequency, and time of day will remain as-is.

Public Comment (David Folweiler)

None

Meeting Wrap-Up (David Folweiler)

Great participation, thanks to all presenters.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm.