

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY HEALTH (ACMH)**

**June 1, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET
via Conference Call**

Committee Members

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Arthur Chen, MD
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Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

- Rashida Dorsey, PhD, MPH

Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order and asked the Committee members to introduce themselves.

Recap from February Meeting

- Rashida Dorsey, PhD, MPH

Dr. Dorsey summarized the February meeting of the full committee, as follows:

Day One

- My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge White House National Convening (opening remarks via live streaming)
- Health Care System Delivery Reform
 - Karen B. DeSalvo and Sandra Lynne Fryhofer of HHS presented the HHS vision for improving health delivery and described the framework to achieve that vision (incentives, care delivery, and information).

- Paul E. Jarris and Monica Valdes Lupi of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) described ASTHO's activities and positions related to delivery system reform.
- Census Bureau Minority Health Data
 - Hyon B. Shin of the U.S. Census Bureau described the 2010 Census Alternative Questionnaire Experiment (AQE) that tested alternative strategies to increase reporting of race and ethnicity, decrease non-response, increase the accuracy and reliability of results, and elicit detailed responses for all categories.
 - Lisa Clemans-Cope of the Urban Institute described how Census data are used in research, using the example of an analysis of projected changes in un-insurance rates under the Affordable Care Act.
- Data Subcommittee Update and Discussion
 - Dr. Thorpe presented the proposed charge and areas of work for the Data Subcommittee. Committee members provided feedback and discussed steps to formalize the subcommittee.
- Committee members discussed ACMH products and deliverables.

Day Two

- National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care (National CLAS Standards): Setting the Research Agenda
 - Dr. Dorsey described areas where OMH is seeking the Committee's advice to address the research needs of the enhanced National CLAS Standards, build the evidence base for the National CLAS Standards, and encourage organizations to adopt the standards.
- Committee members discussed potential work in the areas of health system transformation, the CLAS research agenda, and Census Bureau minority health data.

ACMH Meeting Planning

- Rashida Dorsey, PhD, MPH

Dr. Dorsey noted that the full committee would meet on July 21 and 22 in Washington, D.C. The meeting location would be finalized by mid-June. The logistics contractor would contact meeting members regarding travel once the location is finalized.

Dr. Dorsey reviewed the proposed agenda items and speakers:

- Delivery system reform: Continue the discussion from February, with speakers to provide additional perspectives (i.e., delivery of care).
- Marketplace enrollment: Updates from HHS.
- Formation of Data Subcommittee: Updates from Dr. Panapasa and the National Committee on Vital Statistics.

Discussion

Delivery system reform

- Ms. Pañares suggested that speakers from safety net clinics or community health centers in underserved communities could describe insights or lessons learned that could inform

the national debate. She also recommended inviting speakers from health care organizations that are doing innovative work.

- Dr. Juarez noted that the Commonwealth Fund recently published a report on delivery system reforms under the Affordable Care Act.
- Dr. Scarinci offered to provide the name of the CEO of Dallas Parkland Hospital. She also suggested that it would be useful to hear from an insurer.
- Dr. Chen suggested inviting speakers to discuss best practices and determinants of success for patient centered medical homes (PCMH) or accountable care organizations (ACOs), such as Elliot Fisher at Dartmouth or Mark McClellan at the Brookings Institution. He noted that the Association for Community Health Improvement (ACHI) within the American Hospital Association is looking at mechanisms to align community health needs assessments with community benefits programs. A presentation could be combined with examples of hospital or community settings that have embraced population health and the social determinants of health. For example, St. John's Health Center in Los Angeles provides wrap-around services for the homeless population to deal with the housing crisis and health hazards in housing.
- Ms. Pañares said she could provide an article on St. John's. She noted that states are talking about the ACO model and there is a great deal of innovation around the country, including San Diego and Minnesota. Jim Hester, who is based in Oakland, would also be a good speaker.
- Dr. Chen suggested David Nash from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, who has looked at ways in which population health has been positioned in the delivery system.
- Dr. King noted that the term "population health" had taken on a different meaning among different stakeholders. It would be important for the committee to understand how it is used in different contexts. Dr. Chen said he could ask Dr. Nash to address that issue.
- Dr. Dorsey said she would contact the suggested individuals. She asked committee members to provide contact information or background materials for individuals they recommended.

Enrollment

- Dr. Scarinci said it would be helpful to have retention data in order to understand when and why people who enroll later drop their coverage.
- Dr. Chen requested a demographic breakdown of enrollees. It would be helpful to have an update on the Medicaid expansion, especially regarding efforts in states with high minority populations that were not participating in the expansion.

Data

- Dr. Thorpe said he was in the process of formalizing the comments from the February meeting and would present a revised draft of the proposed scope of work for the subcommittee at the July meeting.
- Dr. Panapasa said it would be important to expand the scope of work beyond Census data to include limitations of existing national surveys and data sets. Dr. Thorpe confirmed that this would be addressed in the document.

- Dr. Panapasa confirmed that the recommendations would build on existing federal efforts and would not duplicate that work.

Working session

- Dr. Dorsey proposed to allocate a block of time in the second day of the meeting for committee work. Committee members expressed unanimous support for that idea.

Discussion of Recommendations to OMH

Committee members discussed the status of the recommendations they were developing to address issues that emerged in the February meeting.

Medicaid Administrative Data Availability for Research and Analysis

Dr. Thorpe reported that Dr. Guadagnolo circulated a draft recommendation to all committee members for review. He was in the process of incorporating the feedback.

Dr. Dorsey noted that the final draft would need to be discussed at a full committee meeting that is open to the public. She could add that to the agenda for the July meeting.

Dr. Thorpe said he would send the revised draft to Dr. Dorsey so she could respond to comments about intergovernmental agencies. Dr. Dorsey said she would respond to the comments so all committee members could review the final draft before the July meeting.

Health System Transformation

Dr. Dorsey stated that HHS would welcome input from the ACMH regarding the role of OMH in influencing the discussion of health system reform. She noted that the discussion groups in February identified two potential recommendations: 1) Reframe the enhanced National CLAS Standards as a tool to operationalize the Affordable Care Act, and 2) Contribute to the discussion of population and community health and health system transformation.

Dr. Chen noted that Dr. Guadagnolo drafted a recommendation that addressed those points. He emphasized that health care delivery reform offers an important opportunity to fully incorporate and implement the National CLAS Standards. Beyond health care delivery, using the standards to inform data collection and develop strategies to address disparities would broaden the discussion of population health to include health equity.

Ms. Pañares added that the National CLAS Standards would also be relevant to patient-centered outcomes research.

Dr. Juarez noted that providers need guidance regarding the use of community health workers (CHWs). Dr. Dorsey stated that CHWs are an important aspect of the public health workforce, and their role in reaching diverse populations is relevant to the National CLAS Standards.

Dr. Dorsey stated that work on this issue was moving quickly at HHS and it is important to take advantage of the window of opportunity. However, the committee should work at a pace that would result in a meaningful product.

Ms. Pañares proposed to reconvene the breakout group that discussed this issue at the February meeting (Dr. Chen, Dr. Malone, Dr. Guadagnolo, and herself) to review Dr. Guadagnolo's work on the National CLAS Standards and discuss a timeline to develop a recommendation. She volunteered to take the lead for this effort, and Dr. Scarinci offered to join the group.

Dr. Dorsey confirmed that OMH could coordinate conference calls for committee business and could provide access to a technical writer. She or Dr. Wendt would get back to the committee regarding those resources.

Dr. King noted that the committee would continue to address the issue of delivery system reform at the July meeting.

CLAS Research Agenda

Dr. Dorsey noted that OMH developed a research agenda for the National CLAS Standards in 2003, in collaboration with AHRQ. Certain aspects of the original agenda are still relevant following the release of the enhanced National CLAS Standards, and others could be updated.

Dr. King said he would like the committee to take this up at the July meeting. He asked if any member of the Data Subcommittee was interested in taking the lead.

Dr. Thorpe proposed that the group that discussed this issue in February could develop a recommendation (Dr. Juarez, Dr. Panapasa, and himself). Dr. Mojica offered to join the group.

Dr. Thorpe asked what role OMH would like the Data Subcommittee to play. Dr. Dorsey stated that the CLAS research agenda was part of the overall evaluation strategy for CLAS. OMH would welcome suggestions on where to begin and what areas of the research agenda should be updated or revised. Dr. Thorpe noted that the discussion in February focused on how to make Census data more granular. The group did not discuss the CLAS research agenda at that time.

Dr. King asked Dr. Dorsey to provide a list of questions that OMH would like the committee to address.

Dr. King asked Dr. Dorsey to clarify the timeline for recommendations on the National CLAS Standards research agenda. Dr. Dorsey stated that OMH would like to receive the recommendations by the end of the calendar year.

Dr. Chen noted that one group would be working on incorporating the National CLAS Standards into health care delivery transformation, while this group would be looking at the research agenda to develop an evidence base for the standards. He offered to provide this group with a

copy of Dr. Guadagnolo's draft document on National CLAS Standards so the groups could align their recommendations.

Dr. Malone asked if the proposed approach would meet the needs of OMH. Dr. King said that he works closely with Dr. Gracia to ensure that the Committee's recommendations meet the needs of OMH and increase the visibility of the Committee. Dr. Dorsey noted that her job as DFO is to ensure that the Committee is moving in a direction that is useful to OMH and HHS.

Dr. Thorpe asked if there was any chance that the Committee's recommendations might not be implemented. Dr. Dorsey replied that OMH takes all recommendations under advisement. However, she would alert the Committee if a potential recommendation might not be feasible.

Dr. King noted that the Committee's recommendations are vetted at several levels before they are officially submitted. As chair, he makes every effort to ensure that the recommendations are aligned with the priorities of OMH and HHS. However, Committee members also have a role to play in bringing important issues to the attention of OMH.

Dr. Chen agreed that Committee members should raise awareness of critical issues even if the timing is not right to address them.

Dr. Dorsey noted that it might take a few years to implement some recommendations. However, all of the recommendations are documented and can inform the work of OMH going forward.

Other Business

The Committee did not identify any additional issues.

Public Comment

The following individuals offered comments when the conference line was opened.

- Mel Wilson of the National Association of Social Workers suggested that the July meeting should address health and behavioral health needs of incarcerated adults and youth and youth transitioning out of the foster care system.
 - Dr. King noted that the committee had discussed those populations in the past. He agreed that it may be useful to have a speaker address the needs of those populations in the context of health system reform.
- Veronica Murillo of Salud para la Gente noted that the National CLAS Standards research agenda should include the perspective of patients who are accessing the health care system for the first time. Many new patients do not understand their role in ensuring positive health outcomes for themselves. Research should look into what patients already know about health care systems and where they see themselves fitting into their health care team.
 - Dr. King agreed that the patient's perspective is an essential element of patient-centered care.

- Dr. Juarez said he would look into incorporating this issue in the discussion of the research agenda for the National CLAS Standards.

Conclusion and Next Steps

Dr. King reminded committee members that information would be forthcoming regarding logistics for the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

WHAT	WHO
Provide information regarding travel for July meeting	Logistics contractor
Send contact information and/or background materials for recommended speakers to Dr. Dorsey	Committee members
Send revised draft recommendations on Medicaid administrative data availability to Dr. Dorsey for input	Dr. Thorpe
Provide Dr. Guadagnolo’s draft document on the National CLAS Standards to group developing recommendations on the research agenda	Dr. Chen
Inform committee about resources and technical writer	Dr. Dorsey or Dr. Wendt