

Improving Population Health Committee Meeting Summary July 10, 2006

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Pat Merryweather, Chair, convened the meeting at 1:08 p.m. She began discussing the draft committee goal contained in the document forwarded to the members prior to the meeting. After some discussion, Ms. Merryweather indicated that adding an introduction might be helpful.

The discussion then turned to Draft Objective 1 - which addresses securing access to the data to protect patient privacy. The objective deals with the question of how you decide whether somebody is qualified to access the data. It was pointed out that there is a need to articulate the controls. Ms. Merryweather indicated that the committee should set up some security expectations regarding government agency personnel's access to population health data.

Points made by members during the discussion on the other draft objectives and issues include:

- Martin Lipsky, M.D., suggested that the non-duplication of patient data in government population health-related databases is an issue to be reviewed by the committee.
- A member noted the need for more research on the consent process for reporting patient information.
- Quality controls on the data needs to be discussed.

- There needs to be some mechanism for getting information back to clinicians on patients who are the subjects of studies.
- It is important to be up front on the benefits and protections for patients.

Dr. Lipsky stated that he wants to understand the platform used by the state databases and how the data is entered and thinks the committee should try to obtain that information.

The members agreed that the next meeting would be on July 31st. Ms. Merryweather indicated that she would circulate a revised draft goal and objectives document prior to that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.