

Quality Council

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
June 15, 2023	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording: ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/OHS_Quality_Council_Meeting_Recording_06152023.mp4

Participant Name and Attendance		Council Members	
Rohit Bhalla	X	Amy Gagliardi	R
Ellen Carter	R	Karin Haberlin	R
Elizabeth Courtney	X	Danyal Ibrahim	X
Monique Crawford/Stephanie De Abreu	R	Michael Jefferson	R
Sandra Czunas	R	Phil Roland/Doug Nichols	R
Petrina Davis	R	Joe Quaranta	X
Lisa Freeman	R	Brad Richards	R
		Andy Selinger (Co-Chair)	R
		Marlene St. Juste	X
		Daniel Tobin	R
		Alison Vail	X
		Steve Wolfson	R
		Heather Tory	R

Supporting Leadership & Other Participants			
Hanna Nagy, OHS	R	Michael Bailit, Bailit Health	R
Jeannina Thompson, OHS	R	Grace Flaherty, Bailit Health	R

R = Attended Remotely; IP = In Person; X = Did Not Attend

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Andy Selinger	4:00pm
	Andy Selinger called the meeting to order at 4:03pm. Andy nominated Dr. Heather Tory, Associate Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer at Connecticut Children’s Hospital, as a new Quality Council member. Jeannina Thompson took roll call. Jeannina reported that a quorum was present.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	4:05pm
	Andy Selinger welcomed public comment. There was none.		
3.	Council Action: Approval of Minutes	Council Members	4:05pm
	Steve Wolfson motioned to approve the May 18 th meeting minutes. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. No one objected to approving the meeting minutes. The motion passed.		
4.	2023 Insurer Fidelity Assessment	Grace Flaherty	4:05pm
	<p>Grace Flaherty reminded the Quality Council about the 2023 Quality Council Insurer Survey and the data collected. Grace shared the methodology for calculating insurer fidelity scores. Grace then reported 2023 insurer fidelity scores for Aetna, Anthem, Cigna, ConnectiCare and UnitedHealthcare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One member asked if the reason for decreases in fidelity scores for Cigna and ConnectiCare were known. Grace indicated they were not, but said that OHS could consider having conversations with insurers about their rationale for not using Aligned Measure Set measures. A member representing Cigna said that Cigna is aligned with the program and believes its dip in the fidelity score was due to a change in measure denominators. He said Cigna would strive to continue to improve. One member asked if information was available for ConnectiCare or Aetna about the variation in their fidelity rates. Grace noted that denominator size is a bigger concern for smaller insurers when 		

considering fidelity scores. Grace indicated that increases in rates for some insurers appeared to reflect a better understanding of the information that OHS was seeking from them.
Grace reported that the survey revealed high use of the quality benchmark measures, which she announced as good news.

5.	Finalize 2024 Aligned Measure Set Recommendations	Grace Flaherty	4:45pm
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Grace Flaherty reminded the Quality Council that during the May meeting it discussed but did not come to a consensus about whether *Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit* should be a core measure for the commercial population. Grace said OHS would make a final determination about placement of this measure for the commercial population when OHS finalizes the measure set. Grace shared that prior to next year’s annual review, OHS would request denominator data from any payers that indicated they were using the measure in the 2023 Insurer Survey.

Grace summarized the Quality Council’s recommendations to OHS from the 2023 Annual Review. Grace said that the Quality Council had only recommended adding measures and had not recommended removing any measures, so its recommended 2024 Aligned Measure Set contained 28 measures (not including Medicaid-only measures).

Grace asked the Quality Council to consider the size of its recommended 2024 Aligned Measure Set and consider whether there were any measures it would recommend removing. Grace compared the size of Connecticut’s recommended 2024 Aligned Measure Set to that of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts’ 2023 Aligned Measure Sets. Grace said Bailit Health reviewed performance on the Aligned Measure Set measures and did not find any measures that were so high-performing as to warrant raising them for the Quality Council’s reconsideration. Grace identified the five measures that were not in use by any payers in 2023. Grace reminded the Quality Council about its measure set criteria.

- One member expressed appreciation that there would be follow-up analysis regarding the *Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit* measure.
- One member proposed removing three measures: *Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life*, *Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication*, and *Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder*.
- Two members supported the prior member’s recommendation for removing the three measures. One member expressed disappointment that *Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder* was not being used in contracts.
- One member disagreed with removing *Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life* and shared disappointment regarding non-use of *Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder*.
- One member asked how many pediatric measures would remain if the three proposed measures were dropped. Grace identified four remaining pediatric measures, one of which was adopted for Medicaid-only use. The member said that *Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life* was important for children’s health.
- One member expressed dismay with the lack of payer use of the measure *Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder*.
- Grace Flaherty summarized the discussion as supporting removal of *Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication*. She suggested that if the other currently unused measures were retained for 2024, OHS and staff could research the reasons for non-use prior to the next annual review. Two members supported Grace’s proposed action.
- **Recommendation:** The Quality Council supported the removal of *Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication*.
- **Next Step:** OHS and staff will research the reasons that currently unused measures are not in use in 2023, and will do so prior to the 2024 annual review.

6.	Discuss Implementation Guidance for Aligned Measure Set	Michael Bailit	5:15pm
<p>Michael Bailit reminded the Quality Council that during the March 16th meeting the Quality Council recommended that OHS publish a document with guidance for how payers and Advanced Networks should implement the Aligned Measure Set in contracts. Michael said OHS and Bailit Health had drafted implementation guidance, including guidance for (a) selection of Core and Menu measures, (b) reasonable benchmarks, (c) adequate denominators, and (d) total number of measures for use in a contract. Michael walked through the implementation guidance and guiding principles and asked for the Quality Council’s feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Quality Council expressed support for the proposed implementation guidance and guiding principles and did not have any suggested additions or modifications. 			
7.	Council Action: Wrap-up and Meeting Adjournment	Andy Selinger	5:50pm
<p>Steve Wolfson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Richards seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting adjourned at 4:51pm.</p>			

Upcoming Meeting Date:

September 21, 2023 (4:00 – 6:00pm)

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