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| A picture containing text, clock  Description automatically generatedMedicare & CMS/NGS WorkgroupMeeting Minutes & AgendaDate: 4/24/24 |
| *Committee Members:* [x]  Jennifer Stark, Chair [x]  Rachel Eastwood, Vice Chair [x]  Katie Troumbly, Board Liaison [x]  Brianna Lindell[x]  Stephanie Andersen [x]  Jill Arvidson [x]  Paula Berger [x]  Vickie Brand[x]  Lisa Hanowski [x]  Jerri Hiniker [ ]  Jessica Kirchoff [ ]  Kayla Wohlers  |
| Others Present:  |
| Staff Present:  |
| Agenda Item | **Discussion** | **Motion and Vote Follow-Up or Action Item** | **Responsibility** | **Deadline** |
| 1. Call to Order | Jenn |  |  |  |
| 2. Advocacy & MHCA Updates | Brianna* State-Conference Committee time coming. MHCA worked with Senator Hoffman to draft EVV language for nominal funding for a few because no ongoing funding is available.
* MDH- clean up bill which means there will be changes to the Bill of Rights. Some small language changes related to AL.
* Federal – Medicaid Access Rule, Medicare cuts, VA take backs Rep Phillips will assist with letter writing.
 | * No effective date proposed for BOR update. Per lobbyist, if no date specified generally effective 8/1. MHCA will monitor status of bill
* Brianna shared Medicaid access rule summary via email
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| 3. VBP Best Practice Strategies | All-Nobody had a tool to share* Ideas shared include: rehospitalization audit tool, and several tactics to reduce hospitalizations like driveway calls at time of admission, improved screening at intake, EMR alerts, Stop light tools, Call us first…
* Improving OASIS education for new hires and long-term staff, especially GG’s
* Care planning/care paths,
* Improving case management skills
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| 4. Workgroup Project ideas* Star Ratings
* Homebound tip sheet (providers or HC clinicians)
* Coding tip sheet (providers)
* F2F corroboration tip sheet for clinicians
* F2F tip sheet (providers)
* Medical necessity chart review tool
 | The group did not finalize a specific project topic. Most discussion was about creating tools related to reducing hospitalizations.  | * Jenn and Brianna will follow up with email. We will vote for top priority. Project topic to be decided and work to begin May/ June in separate mtg.
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| 5. Open Discussion | * Medical Reviews- Not much happening. Continue to struggle with Humana and Aetna requests.
* PEPPER reports – paused.
* April OASIS Q&A’s available.
* State Operations Manual has been updated.
* April Care Compare results posted today.
* No word yet on a revised OASIS E-1 manual.
* Potential impact of SNF staffing requirements discussed
 | * Copy of nursing home rule sent to team via email
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| 6. Wrap-Up | Brianna will send links to the various tools posted in the chat.  |  |  |  |
| 7. Adjournment | Meeting adjourned 2:30pm  |  |  |  |
| Next Meeting Date & Location: July 10, 2024 via ZoomMeeting Minutes Taken by Paula |