

Center for Healthcare Transparency

Executive Committee Description

Purpose

The Executive Committee will provide expert advice and guidance to inform the development of a five year plan to create a federated network to make credible healthcare cost and quality information available to 50% of the US population by 2020. This five year plan will be the blueprint for a much larger implementation project with anticipated funding of \$50 to \$75 Million from 2015-2019.

Authority

Make strategic decisions and approve all deliverables to the Center for Healthcare Transparency (501c3) that are prepared by the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) and Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH) for an 18 month planning grant. The project structure is depicted in Figure 1 at the end of this document and a summary project description follows.

Responsibilities

- Oversee the RFP development process and the selection of grantees for the Regional Data Center Collaborative participation and funding.
- Oversee the RFP development process and the selection of Research & Development innovation grants recipients.
- Review updates and provide strategic guidance on relevant issues presented by the project leaders throughout the grant period.
- Evaluate recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee and the User Advisory Committee and decide which recommendations to integrate into the five year plan.
- Approve all planning grant deliverables prepared for the Center for Healthcare Transparency, including the final deliverable, a five year plan which will provide a blueprint for implementing a federated national data infrastructure by 2020. Other deliverables include:
 - Best practices and processes for cost and quality measurement and reporting
 - Standard national data interface recommendations
 - Recommendations regarding a national approach for public reporting
 - Recommendations on payment and purchasing strategies which reward high value care
 - Recommendations for using performance data for Quality Improvement and value
 - Results of R&D innovation projects
 - Recommendations for responding to policy barriers to a national data infrastructure

Time and Resource Commitment

- Participate in at least one in-person meeting, which may include a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory and User Advisory Councils. The planning grant will cover Executive Committee member travel and lodging costs associated with in-person meetings as needed.
- Participate in regular phone meetings, monthly or bi-monthly, based on project needs
- Review and respond to documents prepared for the Executive Committee meetings
- Be available for brief phone consultations with the Executive Committee Co-Chairs
- At the request of the Co-Chairs, occasionally assist in representing the planning grant work to different stakeholders.

Leadership and Membership

The Co-Chairs of the Committee are David Lansky, PBGH and Elizabeth Mitchell, NRHI. Members will contribute particular expertise in one or more of the following areas: technical expertise on quality measurement, technical expertise on cost measurement, consumer perspective, private purchaser perspective, public purchaser perspective, benefit improvement and redesign, strategic medical perspective.

Committee Procedures

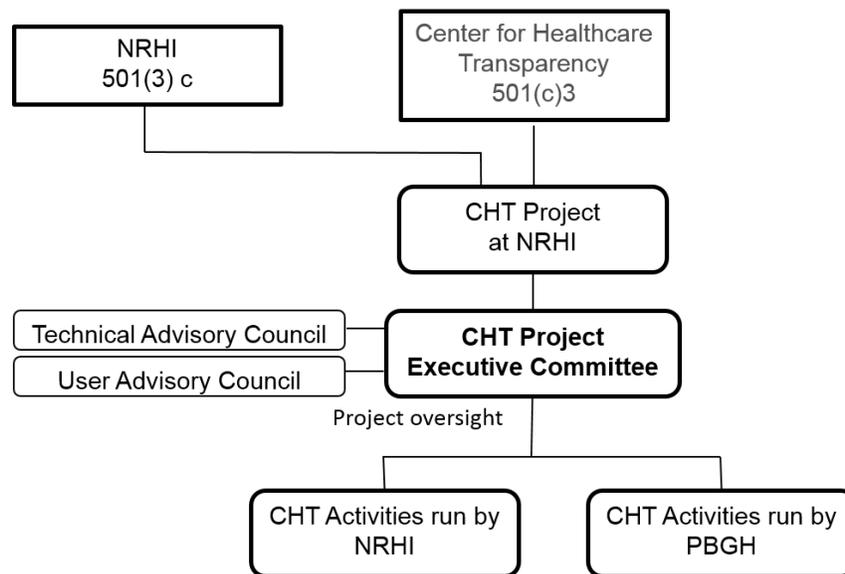
The committee will strive for consensus decisions, recognizing that 100% agreement will not always be possible. Where there are differing opinions on topics of strategic importance, the Committee will vote and a simple majority will be sufficient for a decision.

All Executive Committee proceedings will be transparent and documented.

Duration

The Executive Committee will operate during the term of the planning grant from the CHT to NRHI, expected to run from April 15th, 2014 through October, 2015. Based on the results of the planning grant, the Committee and its members may be asked to play a role in a follow-on implementation phase. However, participation in the next phase is neither an obligation nor an expectation.

Figure 1



Project Description

The Center for Healthcare Transparency project is a planning grant to develop a viable five year plan for a federated network that would make transparent and meaningful provider cost and quality data available for 50% of the US population by 2020. This plan will be the blueprint for a phase 2 implementation project with much larger anticipated funding.

The CHT project will identify and build on best practices in quality and cost reporting by regional data centers across the country and will address issues such as:

- Data availability by state
- Data centers' claims capability
- New modes of data collection to supplement claims data
- Necessary new measures and infrastructure enhancements
- Potential impact of different payment models and measurements and QI initiatives
- Policy barriers

Over the next 18 months, the project will complete six streams of work to inform the five year plan:

1. Organize pilot regional data centers into a collaborative structure that
 - Agrees upon common standards for data management and publication
 - Develops and shares a library of best practice resources
2. Evaluate a single interface (data hub) for national data sources for regional centers
3. Evaluate content & evaluate national publishing arrangements
4. Develop model contracts, networks, and benefit designs and quality improvement strategies that lead to high value care
5. Conduct a series of targeted R&D projects on innovative use of data for performance measurement and reporting
6. Develop a five-year plan for national scaling of provider cost and quality reporting