PPS-EXEMPT CANCER HOSPITAL WORKGROUP

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted with the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) to plan and implement the reporting of three cancer-specific care measures to CMS on behalf of the eleven PPS-exempt cancer hospitals (PCH) through its Rapid Quality Reporting System (RQRS). ACoS has formed a Workgroup to provide advice and feedback on the operational expectations of the PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program; discuss and identify solutions to possible barriers and/or challenges encountered by the PCHs in their implementation and use of the RQRS; communicate and share updates regarding data submission requirements and time-lines; and identify any anticipated potential unintended consequences of the Reporting Program.

The workgroup has been established as an advisory committee on areas for additional review and study regarding the implementation and operationalization of measure reporting requirements relative to the stakeholder environment. Areas of expertise of the workgroup members include data quality, oncology research and development, hospital and physician performance, data analytics, data warehousing, quality and performance improvement, pharmacy administration and project management. The workgroup members are (in alphabetical order):

- **Stephen Flaherty, MPH --** Mr. Flaherty is the Senior Quality Improvement Analyst at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA. He has served on the Ohio Department of Health Data Expert Group, where he vetted all acute care hospital measurements required for hospital submission and public viewing.
- **Barbara Jagels, RN, MHA, OCN --** Ms. Jagels is the Director of Clinical Excellence at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance in Seattle, WA. She is currently the Chair of the Comprehensive Cancer Care Consortium for Quality Improvement (C4QI) and sits on the Alliance of Dedicated Cancer Center's (ADCC) Quality and Value Committee.
- **Leah Kiesow, CTR, MBA --** Ms. Kiesow is the Director of the Cancer Data Registry at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA. Ms. Kiesow is interested in quality improvement and data usage. She was recently elected to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board at the *Journal of Registry Management.*
- **Suzanne Kelson, MPH --** Ms. Kelson is the Senior Project Manager of Clinical Systems at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York NY. Ms. Kelson's expertise includes combining data from multiple data sources in order to support data analyses, and the various uses of clinical data systems. She also provides leadership in data analyses for operations, strategic planning, and research, quality and outcome studies at Memorial Sloan Kettering.
- **Linda Lane, RHIA, CPHQ --** Ms. Lane is the Director of Data Management and Reporting in the Quality & Patient Safety Department at The James Cancer Hospital at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. She is responsible for coordinating the development of internal initiatives to support the federal and state quality reporting and metric development initiatives.
- **Wendy Lynch, CTR, CCRP --** Ms. Lynch is the Cancer Registry Director at USC/Kenneth Norris Cancer Hospital in Los Angeles, CA. She has over eighteen years of experience working in cancer registries and Oncology Outcomes Research fields, having worked at NCI-Comprehensive Cancer Centers for the past thirteen years.
- **Shyroll Morris MBA, MPH, CPHQ, FACHE --** Ms. Morris is the Director of Performance Improvement at the University of Miami Health System-Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

In this role, she coordinates the activities of the hospital-wide Performance Improvement program, Medical Staff, Stem Cell Transplant and Oncology Service Line team members.

- **Denise Morse, MBA --** Ms. Morse is the Manager of Quality Analytics at City of Hope in Duarte, CA. Ms. Morse's expertise includes a shared indicator database, evaluation of patient satisfaction, and bone marrow transplant quality. She is responsible for managing enterprise-level data quality related to hospital and physician performance, accreditation support, risk management statistics and public reporting.
- **Teresa Reinhardt, MBA, RHIA–** Ms. Reinhardt is Manager of the Cancer Registry at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. With over 25 years of experience in health information management Ms. Reinhardt's knowledge and experience in registry operations make her a valuable addition to the Cancer Hospital Workgroup.
- **Thomas Ross, MS --** Mr. Ross is the Director of Quality and Safety at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Canter and Research Institute in Tampa, FL. Mr. Ross has served on both the Alliance of Dedicated Cancer Centers Quality Value Committee and the Value Proposition Task Force, and was an appointed member of the Florida Hospital Association Quality and Patient Safety Committee.
- **Tracy Spinks, BBA –** Ms. Spinks is the Project Director at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. In this role, she coordinates the development and implementation of internal initiatives to support federal and state quality reporting and quality metric development. She was recently appointed to serve as a consultant for the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Improving the Quality of Cancer Care: Addressing the Challenges of an Aging Population.