

Technical Expert Panel (TEP) Membership List

Project Title: Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Measures Maintenance and Development

Project Overview:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted with Mathematica and Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to 1) develop new measures for children receiving home and community-based services (HCBS) and 2) maintain existing CMS measures for HCBS and long-term services and supports (LTSS). The contract name is Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) Analyses, Public Reporting, and Measures Maintenance and Development. The contract number is 75FCMC19D0091 and the task order number is 75FMC24F0194. As part of its measure development process, the Mathematica team convenes groups of stakeholders and experts who contribute direction and thoughtful input to the measure developer during measure development and maintenance. The objective of the TEP is to convene a group with diverse perspectives and expertise to provide feedback and advice on identifying, developing, specifying, testing, maintaining, re-evaluating, and implementing LTSS and HCBS quality measures.

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We have selected these individuals, and they have agreed to serve as the TEP for this project:

Name, Credentials, Professional Role	Organizational Affiliation, City, State	Person Who Receives HCBS/ Family/Caregiver Perspective	HCBS Expertise	Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Anne Deutsch, PhD, RN, Senior Research Public Health Analyst	RTI International, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab and Northwestern University, Naperville, Illinois	X	Health services researcher and measure developer with caregiving experience and expertise focused on adults with disabilities.	
Brittany Pennington, PhD, Strategy, Performance, Impact, Research & Evaluation Supervisor	Minnesota Department of Human Services Results Management Division, Saint Paul, Minnesota		HCBS researcher with expertise in HCBS and LTSS quality improvement, program evaluation, evaluating Minnesota's HCBS programs, and direct care experience.	
Camille Dobson, MPA, Deputy Executive Director	ADvancing States, Arlington, Virginia		Executive leader in quality improvement with expertise providing technical assistance to states' HCBS programs including MLTSS.	Co-measure steward for NCI-AD™ measures.
Colleen McKiernan, MSPH, Measure Developer	The Lewin Group, Washington, DC		Measure developer and researcher with a focus on HCBS, LTSS, and Medicaid populations.	Previous contractor for the CMS-stewarded HCBS and LTSS measures.
Coretta Lankford, PhD, MA, Managing Researcher	American Institutes for Research (AIR), Carrollton, Virginia		Measure developer and researcher with expertise in measure development for individuals with a broad range of physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. Led original development, testing, and CAHPS® credentialing of the HCBS CAHPS® survey. Experience providing direct mental health care.	PI for a NIDILRR grant studying the use of virtual methods for collecting survey data with people with I/DD, using HCBS CAHPS® for this grant.

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Donna Martin, M.Ed, CAE, Vice President for State Partnerships and Innovation	American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), Alexandria, Virginia		Executive leader with experience supporting people with I/DD and identifying, implementing, and assessing quality outcome measures in HCBS, as well as working with states and federal agencies on outcome measures that address the needs of individuals receiving LTSS.	
Eric Carlson, JD, Director of Long-Term Services and Supports Advocacy	Justice in Aging, Los Angeles, California	X	Director of HCBS and LTSS consumer advocacy and an attorney with expertise focused on residential settings and older adults. Experience providing technical assistance to state agencies.	
Joseph Caldwell, PhD, Director of Community Living Policy Center	Brandeis University, Washington, DC		HCBS researcher, advocate, and provider with expertise focused on individuals with I/DD, physical disabilities and older adults, as well as HCBS quality measure development experience.	
Kayla Trzpuc, BA, Money Follows the Person Project Director	North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, Jamestown, North Dakota		Directs North Dakota's Money Follows the Person demonstration with field experience in case management for individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness.	
Kim Grasty, BS, HCBS Quality Manager	Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Des Moines, Iowa		Oversees performance measure reporting, maintenance, review, and updates for Iowa's state HCBS programs, with experience in direct care, providing services, and determining eligibility for HCBS program applicants.	

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Linda Riccio, OT/L, Vice President of Therapy Services	Transitional Care Management, Carmel, Indiana	X	Occupational therapist with caregiving experience for both pediatric and adult HCBS populations. HCBS and LTSS expertise including developing and evaluating outcome measures for individuals with disabilities across the lifespan.	
Martha Ryan, Manager of Quality and Analytics for the Home and Community Services Waiver Team	MassHealth, Boston, Massachusetts		Quality and analytics expertise with experience coordinating reporting and ensuring compliance for Massachusetts's ten HCBS waivers.	
Renata Ticha, M.Ed, PhD, Senior Research Associate, Research Director	University of Minnesota Institute on Community Integration, Minneapolis, Minnesota		HCBS researcher with experience developing and evaluating interventions and measures for children, youth and adults with disabilities in the areas of special education and inclusion, transition to adulthood, employment, community participation practices and services.	Measure developer as part of the Research and Training Center on HCBS Outcome Measurement at the University of Minnesota.
Sara Hackbart, LMFT, LTSS Quality Program Director	Elevance Health, Des Moines, Iowa		Measure developer with Medicaid managed care expertise focused on LTSS, experience with the NCQA LTSS HEDIS® measure reporting process and supporting LTSS health plans in achieving optimal results. Experience with children's quality measure development.	
Tamara Poluszek, RN, BSN, MBA, Manager, Health Care Quality Management Project Manager	Aetna Better Health of Florida, Noblesville, Indiana		Health plan leader with expertise in quality improvement, data analysis, auditing, training, policy, and regulatory compliance.	

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Therence James, MPH, Clinical Research Associate	University of Connecticut Center on Aging, Olney, Maryland		HCBS researcher with experience developing measures, providing data management, analysis, quality assurance, modifying an HCBS experience of care survey for children, and statewide training and technical assistance to care management agencies administering the HCBS CAHPS® survey data. Expertise on the Connecticut Money Follows the Person demonstration.	
Tom Rice, MPA, Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs	American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), Alexandria, Virginia	X	Parent and caregiver of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that receive HCBS.	
Victoria Wagner, MS, Research Scientist and Director, Bureau of Quality Measurement and Outcomes Research	New York State Department of Health, Albany, New York		HCBS researcher with experience in quality measurement, reporting and programming HEDIS® measures for New York State's Medicaid managed care program.	

HCBS = home and community-based services; HCBS CAHPS® = Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Home and Community-Based Survey; HEDIS®= Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set; I/DD = intellectual and developmental disabilities; LTSS = long-term services and supports; MLTSS = managed long-term services and supports; NCI-AD™ = National Core Indicators - Aging and Disabilities™; NCQA = National Committee for Quality Assurance; NIDILRR = National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research.