Start-up Grant Sub-Committee Meeting Recap

NYSDOH/Health Home

Meeting Date: September 9, 2013

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM   Conference call

Attendees:

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Agenda

Four questions were posed to the group which was distributed in advance.

1. What obligation, if any, should Health Homes have for ensuring that providers in their networks have a basic technology platform from which to operate?
2. Without mandating a one size fits all solution, what is the best way to structure grants that insures that downstream providers receive tangible financial or service benefit from the expenditure of the grant?
3. How can the grants process be structured, if at all, so as to minimize the number of IT systems downstream providers have to adopt in order to participate in one or more health homes?

4. Are there services other than technology that would provide a more significant benefit to downstream providers?

The workgroup agreed that they support the directing of funds to the health home, and that it should continue to be an open ended process versus an application. However, but would like include the following areas as preferential items for inclusion in the areas to gain additional credits for user-friendly solutions for:

☐ harmonization for a unified platform to minimize duplication of technology where there are more than one health home in an area;
☐ Shared training on the technology side;
☐ shared training on the clinical side;
☐ quality assurance solutions for reporting where there are more than one technology being used by the downstream provider for multiple health homes.

It was recommended that something simple like an attestation form be generated to identify these uses to be submitted to a specific NYS office for collection and tally to determine the points eligible for these items. (Eric Weiskopf??) Perhaps this is something the workgroup can crystalize further and generate before the September 27th meeting?

If anyone wishes to take a stab at this, please feel free and send to me the week of and I'll present.

Thank you all for participating today. Lots of good conversation. If you have any corrections to the above, please forward asap.