

45th PIHOA Meeting

April 2008

Developing a regional strategy for supporting
Quality Assurance and Improvement among
PIHOA Member States:

The Way Forward?

Quality Assurance & Improvement

- Foundation for effective patient care.
- Essential role in developing and retaining health workforce. It is HRH.
- Health systems stewardship of education
- Soil in which the seeds of education take root (or die), yada yada yada

Timeline

April 2007

Yap State presents results of innovative QA program. Results in PIHOA Resolution 43-06:

“Supporting the redefinition of the PIHOA priority area for licensure to include quality assurance and improvement”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that PIHOA will expand its priority area for professional licensing to encompass the development of systems for raising standards, including those related to health professions licensure, local quality assurance and improvement programs, and national or regional accreditation initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that PIHOA will seek resources to help each jurisdiction develop an appropriate system of quality assurance and improvement systems, such as that currently in development in Yap State, FSM and presented during the 43rd PIHOA Meeting.

Timeline (continued)

2007/2008

- Concept paper for QA regional strategy developed, revised numerous times, circulated at 44th meeting
- PIPCA awarded QA funds for work with community health centers
- CCPI/JABSOM agree to spend PIHOA cancer funds on regional QA
- CDC (through Mark Keim) identify sweep-up funds that may be used for QA

April 2008

- Regional strategy refined and ratified at 45th meeting?

Regional Strategy Proposed

Regional strategy objective: Roughly, to improve patient and community care and develop and retain the workforce. Not yet precisely articulated.

Four part approach

- Brief consultancy for rapid identification of current QA efforts and resources in USAPI
- Regional meeting for QA development/consider regional standards
- Local Technical Assistance Grants
- Conference grants to Affiliate Members

Local Technical Assistance Grants (3 x \$25,000 in year one)

- Competitive
- Flexible
- \$25,000 per grant
- Two to three grants in year one
- Local projects focused on improving system-wide QA systems
- Grants and outcomes evaluated by Regional QA Advisory Group

Brief consultancy for rapid identification of current QA efforts and resources in USAPI (\$5,000)

- Status of QA programs in each site
 - QA focal point
 - QA model/approach
 - QA resources
 - Presence of key features
- Summarized and presented at regional meeting

Conference grants to Affiliate Members ($\$5,000 \times 9? = \$45,000$)

- Align policy across region
- Focus on systemic QA
- Identify common themes across organizations (criteria for grant)
- PBMA, PBDA, APNLC, PSAMHCC, CCPI, PIPCA
- Role of PREL, SPC, PPEC?

Regional meeting for QA development/consider regional standards (\$60,000?)

- Purpose:
 - Orient leadership to QA resources and concepts
 - Network
 - Begin/identify process for setting regional standards
- Audience? Top policy makers, QA officers, clinical directors
- Timing: After August PBMA Yap Meeting? Prior to granting programs?

Other considerations

- Year two, three, four, five . . . multi-year strategy (more conference grants, continue addressing in coordinated fashion from many directions in health systems)
- Need admin funds
- Need for QA advisory group: Oversee strategy, develop criteria for competitive grants, review competitive grants and project outcomes.
- Others?

Current Resources

- CCPI/JABSOM (\$40,000 possibly more) – regional meeting
- PIPCA (\$80,000?) For two planning grants, some conference grants, and PIPCA initiatives. Must have CHC spin, address measures.
- PIHOA (\$30,000) One planning grant
- PIHOA (\$12,000 annually) Conference grants
- CDC/USDA (don't know, may be used by other initiative)
- Total: Roughly \$165,000 for year 1
- Others?

Future Resources

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- RWJ

- AHRQ (Capt. John Walmsley)

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Questions

- Are member states still on board with this priority?
- Are member states ready to refine and ratify this strategy now?
- Can this strategy be strengthened today?
Can it be made more relevant to your member state? How?
- What will be the scope of the strategy?
Public health? Hospitals? Both?

Questions (continued)

- Are member states able to engage the strategy this year, given the competing priorities?
- Are member states committed to at least the idea of regional standards for public health departments and FAS hospitals? (Do we know what regional standards will mean?)
- Who will serve on the regional QA advisory group and what will be its charter and responsibilities? How will the implementation grants be awarded and monitored?