

POLST Registry Advisory Committee

June 14, 2010; 9:00 – Noon

Room 918

Minutes

Present: Margaret Carley (chair), Ella Booth, Patty Brost, Doug Kelly, Ritu Sahni, Terri Schmidt, Jeanene Smith, Bethany Surmante, Susan Tolle
Phone: Jane Baumgarten, Laura Matthews, Sheila Sund
Guests: Bethany Chiaramonte, Jenny Cook, Annabel Lucas, Ruth Medock
Absent: Dan Campbell, Dana Sykes

A = Action item

D = Decision

S = Suggestion

Discussion

1. Convene/Review Agenda and Minutes
2. Implementation Update
3. Operational Issues
 - a. DHS –
 - b. Report from OHSU –
 - c. Demographic Tracking
 - d. Discuss the development of PRAC QIs/Performance Measures
 - e. Identify any issues to refer to the POLST Task Force
4. Evaluation/Research
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

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4. Evaluation/research

- Registry Advisory Committee is only making recommendations for guidelines
- Oregon Administrative Rule 333-270-0080
 - (1) “Must have IRB approval” (should be Public Health IRB)
 - (2) “Application SHALL be reviewed” (not required to approve)
 - (3) “Confidentiality maintained” (can be problematic to create an electronic form)
- How to evaluate the registry’s functionality
 - POLST Registry is gathering a list of data
- a. Any requests?
 - Proposal to Greenwall Foundation:
 - Due Feb 1
 - Learn more about demographics and more intensely at errors in completion
 - Conference call to review grant application
 - Should this be a public hearing?
 - Grant proposals cannot be made into a public document
 - Registry will charge for requests for pulling data

- Data release form not yet created
 - Ritu Sahni will provide the one used for the Trauma registry A
 - Jeanene Smith will provide an existing form example A
 - Form must maintain confidentiality – Registry Advisory Committee must ensure that the data is properly deidentified and that the requestor commits to using the data for their stated purpose only
 - Registry Advisory Committee would like the findings when the grant is completed
 - Findings will be provided to Advisory Committee prior to publication
 - Concern about findings related to incomplete forms or errors that might be damaging to individuals, organizations, or physicians, or being distressing to individuals or families of those near end-of-life
 - Ritu Sahni will draft a form to review by the March 8 meeting A
 - Form will include requesting a summary of the project with the note that the summary will be public
 - Form will include that the project is approved pending IRB approval and that they must share their findings with the Registry Advisory Committee
 - Registry Advisory Committee will review the form and make a yes/no recommendation to OHA
 - VOTE to recommend submission of the new Electronic POLST Registry Impact on Care and Dissemination proposal. D
 - Moved: Ritu Sahni
 - Second: Doug Kelly
 - Vote: Aye - 10; Nay - 0; Abstaining - 2
- b. Process for Review
- c. Quality Indicators (ADDED AGENDA ITEM)
- Not in OARs
 - In contract:
 - Forms must be entered within 10 days
 - Unintended adverse events (i.e. patient resuscitated when they only want comfort measures, or not being resuscitated when they wanted it) should be reported to Ritu Sahni
 - Reporting timeline needs to be defined
 - Suggestion to define “Quality Assurance Indicators” and establish benchmarks. S
Could be statistics only or could create a subgroup on quality
 - Education is critical – a state without a training program whose system has been in place for two years, has one third of the submitted forms that Oregon POLST Registry has received in a month
 - ACTION ITEM: Registry Advisory Committee to note what information should be collected to ensure the Committee is doing their job A
 - Members to send their lists to Brie D’Agostini to compile
 - Submission rates vary greatly by county. Registry and statutory issue with education implications
 - Suggestion to review data both from the mandatory date forward, and the total number of submissions, including “voluntary” forms from before the mandatory date S
 - Suggestion to add to October meeting agenda: issues regarding electronic POLST S

registry forms

- o HIPAA issue, not a technology issue
 - o VOTE: Is the POLST Registry Advisory Committee interested in working with partners on an electronic POLST registry form being integrated into the electronic health record? D
 - Moved: Terri Schmidt
 - Seconded: Doug Kelly
 - Vote: Aye – 12; Nay – 0; Abstaining – 0
5. Comments
- a. Public – none
 - b. Committee
 - Ritu Sahni is attending the National Association of EMS Physicians. New York made a presentation and is talking about also setting up a registry
 - Dr. Goldberg has created the Emergency Health Care Task Force to look at EMS across the state based on the American College of Emergency Physicians national report card on the state of emergency medicine. Ritu Sahni is a member of this group and will mention the POLST Registry Advisory Committee to them

Add to March 8 meeting agenda:

- Form evaluation/review
- Overlap with POLST Task Force
- Performance measures and goals

Add to June 14 meeting agenda

- No agenda items to add

Add to October meeting agenda:

- Electronic POLST forms: HIPAA issues and integrating into electronic health records

Additional suggestions for agenda items should be sent to Brie D'Agostini at briehon.dagostini@state.or.us