

Network Director Advisory Council (EDAC) Summary

Forum Membership Meeting
July 24, 2009

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Purpose

- Share experience and knowledge
- Improve performance of Networks as corporations
- Advance the goals of the ESRD Network program

Note: The work of Executive Director group and EDAC is frequently the same. The distinction lies in the definition of policy issues (Forum) versus CMS Contract and Scope of Work activities. Specific work products may be directed to several or specific entities depending on the objective(s) of the activity.

Communication System

- Network Directors at least two face-to-face meetings per year
 - Conference calls quarterly, frequency based on need
 - Frequent emails for help, information and resources
 - Share written summaries of national or specific committee meetings
 - Each professional discipline within Networks have their own communication and educational structure
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Organizational Activities

- Executive Director - July to December 2008
 - Conference Call (CW Roadmap, Attribution, IVD) August 4, 2008
 - Working Dinner (Redesign Stakeholder, QIO Subnat'l) August 27, 2008
 - Conference Call (follow-up) September 15, 2008
 - Conference Call (CW concerns, eSRS) *October 20, 2008
 - Conference Call (Data Sharing, QIPs) November 20, 2008
 - Conference Call (CW, Letter NW/CMS Issues) December 18, 2008
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Organizational Activities, cont.

- Executive Director - January to June 2009
 - Session at ED Summit (New Orleans) January 23, 2009
 - Conference Call (QID Mtg, FFBI, CW phase I) *March 4, 2009
 - Dinner Meeting (18-mth renewal, QI Redesign Mtg) April 7, 2009
 - Conference Call (CMS Evaluations, Prof Liability) May 27, 2009
 - Conference Call - June 17, 2009
 - Next Meeting: August 24th in Baltimore
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“Product” Activities

- Group letter to CMS - Concern/Issues: December 2008
 - EDAC Evaluation Survey – conducted annually (11 Questions) – usefulness of EDAC as a resource, forum for discussion, entity for issue resolution; service of EDs on Forum Board; communication with Forum (via *Forum Matters*); list topics for EDAC to address; suggestions to improve value of the Forum and EDAC
 - 15 respondents out of 16 EDs (94%): September 2008
 - Alex Brittin, Esq.
 - Assistance on CMS calls regarding funding, April 2009
 - Revisit: Professional and D&O Insurance and revised slides for NWs
 - EDs compiled data on funding inequities – passed to Forum, which presented them to Straube et al – resulted in spring funding allocation
 - Annual compilation of NW CMS evaluation scores
 - QI Redesign Conference – August 25, 2009
 - Future Learning Sessions proposed
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“Product” Activities: Ongoing

- CMS/Forum Communication
 - Technical Assistance Workgroup
 - CKD Sub-national
 - Updates on Collaborative Work
 - CMS Management Audits – Resource
 - ESRD Redesign: Next SOW – Prepare
 - Involuntary Discharge (8 subgroups)
 - MAC Toolkits – Utilization/Resource
 - CrownWeb – Phase II
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Thank you to the Network Directors
and the Forum.
