



Maine Child Health Improvement Partnership (ME CHIP) ME CHIP Advisory Group Charter

October 2011

Group Charge: Provide operational guidance and direction for implementation ME CHIP Activities including the Improving Health Outcomes for Children (IHOC) First STEPS Learning Initiative ensuring that the pilot is implemented in accordance with the Guiding Principles, Mission, and Vision of ME CHIP.

Governance Structure: The Advisory Group serves as the operational planning body for development of ME CHIP and provides recommendations for operational decisions to the IHOC First STEPS conveners (MaineCare, Muskie, QC). Decisions within the Working Group will be made by consensus. The Advisory Group would also provide recommendations to the Pathways to Excellence (PTE)/Maine Health Management Coalition (MHMC) around child health quality measures.

Membership: The ME CHIP Advisory Group will include members from a wide group of stakeholders whose input is critical to the successful development and implementation of child health care quality initiatives including IHOC conveners, consumers, providers, health care systems, public health, and others as appropriate.

Staff / Project Leader: Amy Belisle, MD, Lisa Letourneau, MD, MPH, Sue Butts-Dion

Meeting dates/times: The first Friday every other month, alternating telephone (1-2pm) and in person meetings (1-3 pm)

Specific Issues & Tasks to be addressed by the Working Group

- Provide guidance and direction on operational aspects of IHOC First STEPS implementation
- Provide input on efforts to support practice transformation in pilot sites – e.g. curriculum, structure, methods for Learning Collaboratives and QI coaching
- Solicit input from consumers/patients on First STEPS and ensure that patient feedback is incorporated into pilot implementation
- Provide guidance to MHMC/PTE around child health quality measures and set benchmarks for value assignments (good, better, best).
- Identify future priority areas for statewide child health care quality improvement efforts