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Alaska Team Report

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Background:

VISION: To be focused on health, not healthcare. All goals, strategies and action steps need to ultimately keep people and families healthier (not just a better sick system).

Action Plan:

Goal 1: Better Family Health Outcomes by Utilizing Services Appropriately To Reduce Public-Payer System Cost.

- Better use of state data will improve health, create efficiencies, and reduce cost
- Better address the social determinants of health into primary care
 - Including referrals to social services
- Demonstration(s) for coordinated care for better health outcomes and reduced costs
- Evaluate need for integration of behavioral health and primary care
- Braiding services into K-12 education. Outreach to schools, starting fall 2015
- Need a State Plan Amendment for regulatory change for lower-level behavioral providers
- Anita Halterman, Margaret Brodie, and Heather Shadduck will convene meeting to discuss collaboration, re: behavioral health and primary care integration
 - Update group on Dec. 17

Goal 2: Better Use of State Data Will Improve Health, Create Efficiencies, and Reduce Cost.

- Begin with a focus on claims data
 - Inventory what data is currently present in AK (Anita/Rep. Vazquez's office)
- Communicate to policymakers why data (on a broader scale) is important
 - Include what data is important, more than just claims data, -population health data and health outcome measures
- Screen data vendors by end of November 2015
 - Margaret will meet with vendors at NAMD meeting and report back on Dec.17th
- Use prescreen vendor data to pull together Alaska-specific examples

- Engage current fraud, misuse, and abuse activities (to look at cost savings potential) and collect anecdotal examples
- Communicate to this meeting group
- Make case to Finance Committee on the need for an RFP (April 2016)
- Not more money, but a reallocation of resources
- Issue RFP IF...
 - Outsourcing is more effective
 - Proven ROI
 - RFP includes strong evaluation and accountability
 - Ability to withhold funds if vendor does not meet contract obligations