**REGION 15-REGIONAL HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP**

Friday, July 29, 2016

1:00 p.m.

El Paso First Health Plans, Inc.

1145 Westmoreland Drive

El Paso, Texas 79925

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| PRESENT | PRESENT |
| Jacob Cintron, CEO, UMC  Cathy Gibson, CCO, Chief Waiver Officer-UMC  Gina Palafox, UMC  Julie Gest, UMC  David G. Smead, UMC  Ida Barnes, UMC  Moses Priego, UMC  Sarah Allen, UMC  Joanne Bonilla, UMC  Mariam Yazdi, RN, UMC  Sonia Lozano, UMC  Rene Hurtado, EHN  Ann Rodriguez McConnell, Tender Care Home Health | Cassandra Rodriguez, Tender Care Home Health  Oscar Perez, TTUHSC  Maria Villanos, MD, TTUHSC  Kelley L. Brooks, DDS, EP Dept. of Public Health  Robert W. Taylor, DPH Rawlings Dental  Claudia Lozano, EP Dept. of Public Health  Monica Provencio, EP Dept. of Public Health  Modinat Lawal, EP Dept. of Public Heatlh  Linda Lawson, The Hospitals of Providence  Corinne Chacon, Mano y Corazon  Elizabeth Robles, Mano y Corazon  David M. Palafox, MD, El Paso First  Jim Paul, Hospice of El Paso |

###### 1. CALL TO ORDER & PRESENTATION

Cathy Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, welcomed all participants, and invited everyone to introduce themselves to the regional partnership meeting.

**2. Introduction of New CEO for Anchor Entity – UMC**

Cathy Gibson introduced Mr. Jacob Cintron to all attendees of the regional partnership meeting. Mr. Cintron succeeds Mr. James Valenti as the new Chief Operating Officer of University Medical Center of El Paso, the anchor entity of region 15, and IGT entity, and a performing provider of several DSRIP projects.

**3. HHSC Updates**

1. **Statewide Learning Collaborative, August 30-31, 2016**: HHSC will host a statewide learning collaborative again this year similar to the one presented last year. The same rules regarding attendance apply this year as were applied last year. Providers may send at least one person and if additional slots become available then HHSC will re-distribute these to all regions. The deadline to register is August 8th. Focus of the SLC this year will be on waiver outcomes and renewal updates. A draft agenda is available on the Region 15 website.
2. **Waiver Extension** – HHSC and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have agreed to a 15-month extension for the period of 10/1/2016 – 12/31/2017. The agreement includes maintaining the current DSRIP funding of $3.1 billion for the state. During the extension, HHSC and CMS will continue negotiating a longer term agreement. During the extension, projects will be structured to include QPI goals, MLIU QPI goals, Core Component reporting, and Sustainability planning. Category 3 outcomes will be pay for performance measures allocated at the same value level as DY5. Category 4 reporting will remain pay for reporting.
3. **April DY5 Reporting Timeline** – Incentive payments will be processed on July 29, 2016. For any NMI results, HHSC will release responses on or before August 5, 2016.
4. **DY6 Waiver Extension Year** – HHSC is currently reviewing DY6 Participation Templates submitted on July 22, 2016. On or before August 26, 2016, HHSC will respond to requested changes for required QPI/MLIU. Throughout September 2016, HHSC will communicate with providers and anchors regarding Category 3 stretch activity selections and alternate achievement requests. By October 1, 2016, DY6 projects will become effective.
5. **Anchor Entity Requirements in DY6 –** At the beginning of DY6, anchors will submit a Learning Collaborative Plan for the region that includes a focus on DSRIP integration into Medicaid managed care, value-based purchasing, alternative payment models, or sustainability strategies for low income uninsured. Anchors will also be preparing for stakeholder engagement forums to promote collaboration in the next phase of the waiver. By June 2017, anchors will submit an updated Community Needs Assessment for their assigned regions.

**3. DSRIP PROJECT PRESENTATIONS – LEARNING AND SHARING OF IDEAS**

1. ***Rawlings Oral Health Services – by Dr. Kelley Brooks, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.***

The project extends preventive and restorative dental services to low income children outside of the current catchment area for the City of El Paso’s Health Department’s fixed dental clinic site in central El Paso. The services are provided through a mobile dental clinic deployed to select schools and Head Start locations. Additionally, the project fosters collaboration with Texas Tech University Health Science

Center (TTUHSC) for the implementation of a saliva bank. Challenges encountered to date include hesitation of parents to sign paperwork. In order to verify qualification for the programs offered, the provider has to be changed, a complete medical history provided, and a grant application must be submitted. Head Start programs are having difficulty with the same issue and are now completing home visits to obtain signatures. To overcome this challenge, an outreach specialist assists with the timely preparation of paperwork. Medicaid now assigns all patients a dental home and this has created confusion. Patients/

Parents are not advised of their right to stay with their existing dental home or how to choose a new home. Once that selection has been made, a call to the insurance provider to change to the dentist selected will resolve all of their issues. Additionally, the recruiting of a full time dentist has been a challenge due to salary, time availability and location. Power point slides of the presentation are incorporated by reference and are available for review on the RHP15 website.

1. ***Nurse Residency Project Alumni Association– by Mariam Yazdi, BSN-RN, University Medical Center of El Paso***

The nurse residency DSRIP project provides increased training and mentoring of newly trained nurses to support their transition into the workforce. Several cohorts have successfully completed the program to date. Ms. Yazdi presented information about the progress of the residency project. She is a graduate of the first cohort and she described her personal experiences as a participant of the project. She highlighted the benefits gained from having the extra mentoring and opportunities to produce research that benefitted patients through improvement of hospital processes. Because of her high regard for the nurse residency project, she and another resident that recently graduated decided to develop an alumni group to continue the collaborative support learned through this DSRIP project. Ms. Yazdi and her coworkers were recently recognized at a national conference in Florida for developing this first of its kind residency alumni group.

1. ***Well Child Exams – By Dr. Maria Villanos, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.***

Dr. Villanos provided an update of the activities of the Well Child project performed by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Villanos described the metric achievements and challenges that were overcome along the way. A primary focus of the project includes strong communication and education of patients and their families to encourage timely well child exams.

**4. MANO Y CORAZON – 64 Days of Behavioral Health by Corrine Chacon**

Ms. Chacon introduced the partnership to an upcoming initiative organized by Mano y Corazon, a multicultural health education platform developed by the Office of Texas State Senator Jose Rodriguez. The purpose of the initiative is to utilize a community-based outreach plan that will educate attendees about 16 behavioral health topics. Goals of the initiative include reduction of stigmatization, alleviation of hesitancy to seek support on a timely basis, reduction of common barriers to treatment, and surveying of attitudes by means of pre- and post-surveys. Eight sites located throughout El Paso County will host 8 separate meetings with each meeting consisting of two 45-minute presentations by two clinicians. The initiative begins on October 19, 2016, with a media luncheon followed by weekly sessions scheduled once a day every week thereafter until completion of 64 days of behavioral health.

**5. REGION 15 LEARNING COLLABORATIVES UPDATES**

Participants were reminded to attend ongoing sessions of either the Diabetes or Behavioral Health Learning Collaboratives. Moses Priego presented data recently reviewed at the Diabetes collaborative. He described process improvements implemented to date among various clinics that are participating in the learning sessions. As for the Behavioral Health Learning Collaborative, no presentation was given but participants were reminded to participate when possible.

**5**. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting will be **August 24, 2016 at 1:00 pm**. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Ms. Cathy Gibson, Chief Waiver Officer