

Advisory Committee for Measurement-based Care (MBC) and the Mental and Behavioral Health Registry (MBHR) 2021 Annual Report

Purpose

The Advisory Committee oversees the MBC and MBHR initiatives and collaborates with governance and staff to (1) inform and influence the field more broadly about measurement-based care and quality; (2) make recommendations regarding the dissemination and implementation of measurement-based care; (3) define, develop, and revise the quality measures that are included in the registry; and (4) identify additional resources for registry users, mental and behavioral health providers, and consumers.

Yearly Overview/Highlights Summary

The focus of the work of the committee in 2021 included an increased emphasis on promoting measurement-based care (MBC) in addition to supporting the maintenance of the registry. Specific accomplishments included a thorough quality assurance review of the 12 existing QCDR quality measures, a measure validity testing initiative, analysis of feedback from registry users conducted through detailed surveys and interviews, reapproval from CMS to participate as a QCDR for 2022 MIPS reporting, approval of three new neuropsychology specific measures, and submission of an invited manuscript to the journal *Psychotherapy* entitled *The Need for a Measurement-Based Care Professional Practice Guideline*.

Advisory committee chair and original committee member, Bruce Bobbitt, announced his resignation from the committee after completing his two-year term as chair. A call for nominations to fill his position on the committee was disseminated in November to fill the open position.

2021 Committee Activities and Achievements

- The vice-chair (chair-elect) of the advisory committee began her one-year term and the committee selected and onboarded a new BPA-approved committee member.
- Strategic planning for the next 12-to-18-months resulted in the development of specific goals and tactics focused on expanding the use of measurement-based care in the field of psychology and maintaining and improving the MBHR as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry for mental and behavioral health practitioners.
- Updated and implemented an annual survey of registry users, followed by individual interviews to gather additional information on improving user experience on the current platform.

- Designed and implemented a measure tester initiative to help establish validity of the MBHR specialty measures and to review the MBHR data entry process.
- The committee again collaborated with members of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Inc's (NAN) Professional Affairs and Information Committee (PAIC) to develop three additional neuropsychology process measures that have been accepted by CMS. These measures will be meaningful for the MBHR's largest customer groups: providers of psychological services in assisted living and long-term care facilities; and other neuropsychologists who have been vocal about not having enough relevant measures to successfully participate in MIPS.
- The committee completed a thorough quality assurance process including incorporating measure usage data and user feedback with all 12 existing measures. During this process, the committee made changes to simplify several of the quality measures based on responses to user surveys and interviews finding that psychologists are not yet at a place where universal adoption of outcome measures is easily managed.
- Received reapproval from CMS to again serve as a QCDR for 2022 with 15 specialty measures.
- Using publicly available data files, identified Medicare providers who are eligible for joining the registry and implement targeted/direct marketing initiatives.
- Drafted a microsite webpage outline for publicizing information and resources to support measurement-based care.
- Wrote *The Need for a Measurement-Based Care Professional Practice Guideline* as an invited submission to the journal *Psychotherapy*.
- Developed annual report template for the advisory committee.
- Presentations:
 - "Developments in Measurement- Based Care: Telehealth, Payment Models, and Practice-Oriented Research," presentation at American Psychological Association Convention, August 2021, featuring James Boswell, C. Vaile Wright, and Bruce Bobbitt.
 - "Tracking performance: Integrating patient-reported outcomes using the Mental and Behavioral Health Registry (MBHR)," CE workshop offered by APA Office of Continuing Education in Psychology featuring James Boswell and C. Vaile Wright.

Projected Next Year Activities

The committee will begin 2022 by onboarding three new members to replace members rotating off the committee at the end of their terms. The committee plans to focus on increasing the number of psychologists using MBC by providing a symposium at APA Convention and developing a dedicated webpage with resources to support MBC including identified technologies and workflow tools to help psychologists utilize MBC in practice. Additionally, the committee will work on strategies to improve the MBHR user experience, increase adoption of the MBHR specific measures, advocate for psychologists who see Medicare beneficiaries, and educate members about the ever-changing MIPS program.



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