

**Health Technology Clinical Committee**

**Date:** January 27, 2023  
**Time:** 8:30 – 3:30 pm  
**Location:** The Conference Center at SeaTac & Teams  
**Adopted:** March 17, 2023

Meeting materials are available on the [HTA website](#).

**HTCC Minutes**

**Members present:** John Bramhall, MD, PhD; Clinton Daniels, DC, MS; Janna Friedly, MD, MPH; Conor Kleweno, MD; Laurie Mischley, ND, MPH, PhD; Sheila Rege, MD; Jonathan Sham, MD

**Staff present:** Josh Morse; Melanie Golob; Val Hamann

**HTCC Actions**

- 1. Welcome, introductions, and overview:** Dr. Rege, chair, welcomed HTCC members to the meeting, led roundtable introductions and provided an overview of the day's activities. Members present constituted a quorum.
- 2. Agency implementation of HTCC decisions:** Drs. Franklin and Zerzan-Thul presented an overview of agency implementation of HTCC determinations and outcomes. Information shared included charts and graphs, detailing longitudinal utilization measures, for a sub-set of HTCC determinations across health programs. Throughout the presentation, committee members discussed the impact of the findings, drivers of variation, and next steps.
- 3. HCA Initiatives:** Sue Birch, RN, HCA Director presented information on the current work and direction of the agency. Director Birch presented high level updates with her reflections and agency priorities for the year ahead. This included HTCC's alignment with HCA values and their role of achieving strategic goals through evidence, health equity, value-based care, and transparency.
- 4. Risk of bias in research and discussion:** Roger Chou, MD, and Mark Helfand, MD, MPH, MS, were invited to present information about how systematic reviews can address aspects of risk of bias. Throughout the presentations, committee members discussed the impact on systematic reviews, asked questions, and discussed the ability to thoroughly evaluate data on potential risk of bias.
- 5. HTA program updates:** Josh Morse, program director, presented HTCC meeting protocols and guidelines, and a high-level overview of the HTA program.
- 6. Quality Improvements:** Committee members discussed potential refinements to the existing decision processes, what works well and how staff can improve communications of program information to members.

**Final**

**7. Committee view and final reflections:** The vice chair led a roundtable discussion. Members shared their perception of the HTCC as a formidable working group, their respect for each other, and their confidence for a productive forthcoming working year.

**8. Meeting adjourned.**

Meeting slides available upon request.