

Performance Measures Coordinating Committee Council Meeting

Friday, February 21, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Washington State
Health Care Authority

Housekeeping

- ▶ No formal break, so feel free to step out briefly if needed.
- ▶ For committee members:
 - ▶ Please keep your phone line muted when not speaking.
- ▶ For members of the public:
 - ▶ Please keep your phone line muted at all times.
 - ▶ There will be dedicated time for questions and comments.
 - ▶ Please use the chat box to submit your question/comment and it will be addressed in the order received.

Public Process

- ▶ Maintaining a transparent process is important.
- ▶ Public comment opportunities:
 - ▶ PMCC meetings are open to the public.
 - ▶ There is time on the agenda for public comment prior to action on measures.
 - ▶ Meeting materials are posted on the Health Care Authority website*
 - ▶ Comments can be submitted to HCA anytime at hcapmcc@hca.wa.gov

*<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/washington-state-common-measure-set>

Today's Objectives

- ▶ Welcome and Introductions
- ▶ Recap of the December PMCC meeting
- ▶ Rural Health Ad Hoc Workgroup Update
- ▶ Introduction: Biennial Review of the WSCMS
- ▶ 2025 Timeline and Priorities for the PMCC
- ▶ Public Comment
- ▶ Wrap Up

Welcome & Introductions

- ▶ Please share the following
 - ▶ Your Name
 - ▶ Your Role
 - ▶ Your organization

Recap of the December 2025 PMCC Meeting

- ▶ Leap Frog Hospital Safety Grade Presentation by Missy Danforth
- ▶ Continued Health Equity Ad Hoc workgroup discussion and final Recommendations
- ▶ High-level overview of priorities in 2025
 - ▶ Rural Health ad hoc workgroup
 - ▶ Biennial review of the WA state common measure set
- ▶ The PMCC Year in Review 2024
 - ▶ Primary Care Measures ad hoc workgroup
 - ▶ Health Equity ad hoc Workgroup
 - ▶ Welcome to new members and goodbye to previous members

Rural Health Ad Hoc Workgroup Update

Kim Emery and Kelly Shaw

Workgroup membership

Member	Organization
Amy Diaz	Kittitas Valley Healthcare
Becky Harless	Whidbey Health
Darcy Jaffe	Washington State Hospital Association
Heather Reathaford	Whitman Hospital & Medical Clinics
JoEllen Colson	Health Care Authority
Kari Nicholas	Foundation for Healthcare Quality
Kelly Shaw (Co-Lead)	Department of Health
Kim Emery (Co-Lead)	Columbia County Health System
Mandee Olsen	Kittitas Valley Healthcare
Melissa D Strong	Mason General
Nicole Fields	Department of Health
Theresa Hattori	Community Health Plan of Washington
Tracy Wellington	Washington State Hospital Association

Charge of the workgroup

- ▶ Identify current alignment of measures and gaps within the WSCMS to rural health priorities
- ▶ Review measures for potential addition to the WSCMS
- ▶ Explore opportunities to consistently apply a rural lens during the measure review process
- ▶ Consider how the PMCC can work more closely with rural health communities and tap into their expertise
- ▶ Identify opportunities to promote rural health priorities through the WSCMS
- ▶ Develop and present recommendations for the PMCC to consider

Review process for workgroup

Step 1

Identify what is currently being used in rural communities



Step 2

Compare to measures in the WSCMS



Step 3

Identify recommendations for the PMCC to consider

Overview of Meeting 1

- ▶ Step 1: Identify what is currently being used in rural communities
- ▶ Key discussion points:
 - ▶ Measures that are currently required for reporting and who they report to
 - There are numerous measures reportable through multiple programs
 - ▶ Barriers to reporting
 - Measures and the reporting activities are not consistent between communities
 - More difficult to collect clinical measures than hospital measures due to different systems and organizational size
 - They are all doing it a bit differently and use different methodologies, which makes comparison difficult
 - If they want to add a non-required measure, they must develop it themselves
 - Lack of trust of the data for measures that are not based on national standards
 - Duplicative reporting across multiple programs
 - ▶ It would be helpful to identify those measures that are more meaningful
 - ▶ When considering priority measures, the measures that are currently required may be the best to use

Next Steps - Homework

Washington State Common Measure Set, 2025

Please identify which measures on the following list your organization currently uses:

#	Measure Name	Measure Steward	Required Reporting	If required, whom do you report to?	Voluntary Reporting	If not using, please provide a brief explanation why not	Is there a similar measure that you use? (Please provide name and measure steward)	Please indicate with an X if you think the measure should remain on the WSCMS	Please share any additional relevant information
Primary Care And Prevention									
Primary Care and Prevention – Children and Adolescents									
1	Audiological Evaluation No Later Than 3 months of age	CDC							
2	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)*	NCQA (HEDIS)							
3	Childhood Immunization Status (CIS-E) Combination 10 (Uses Electronic Data System (ECDS) reporting)	NCQA (HEDIS)							
4	Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)*	NCQA (HEDIS)							
5	Primary Caries Prevention Offered by a Medical Provider	HCA							
6	Well Child Visits in the First Thirty Months of Life (W30)*	NCQA (HEDIS)							
7	Youth Obesity (Self-reported BMI) ↓	DOH							
8	Youth Substance Use ↓	DOH							

Timeframe of activities

- ▶ Three workgroup meetings scheduled through early March
- ▶ Recommendations to Performance Measurement Committee – Spring meeting (May 7, 2025, 9:00 – 11:00 am.)
- ▶ Workgroup makes refinements to recommendations based on PMCC feedback (if needed)
- ▶ Public comment period in November, (may be earlier) if recommending the addition of new measures
- ▶ PMCC finalizes recommendations in December
- ▶ Changes to 2026 WSCMS finalized by HCA by December 31, 2025

Biennial Review of the WA State Common Measure Set

Judy Zerzan-Thul, HCA

Overview

- ▶ 2014:
 - ▶ Legislation ESHB 2572 required a common way to measure quality across Washington
 - ▶ Performance Measures Coordinating Committee established the first Washington State Common Measure Set
- ▶ The Washington State Common Measure Set
 - ▶ Informs what measures go into state purchasing contracts
 - ▶ Informs measures that are selected for value-based purchasing
 - ▶ Reflects the needs of the population of Washington
 - ▶ Reflects the priorities of HCA and other partners
 - ▶ Aligns, where possible, with national reporting requirements

Role of the PMCC

PMCC is responsible for:

- ▶ Setting overall direction for Common Measure Set, including:
 - ▶ Scope of measurement
 - ▶ Measure selection process
- ▶ Ensure a transparent process and opportunity for public comment
- ▶ Review and recommend final measure set to HCA (HCA has final approval)
- ▶ Oversee ongoing process to evaluate and modify Common Measure Set over time

Our Charge

- ▶ Use PMCC defined set of criteria to review current list of measures
 - ▶ Consider what is most important
- ▶ Review the current measures in the Washington State Common Measure Set (WSCMS)
- ▶ Identify potential measures for removal in WSCMS
- ▶ Identify priority measures from existing WSCMS that may be considered for core set
- ▶ Present final recommendations to the PMCC at the fall meeting

[Washington State Common Measures Set 2025](#)

Proposed process for 2025 review

- ▶ Conduct review together, as a committee, rather than convene an ad hoc committee to bring recommendations to the PMCC
- ▶ Consider a smaller “core set” of priority measures
- ▶ Include subsets of additional measures, not in core set
 - ▶ Rural health, Diabetes, Pediatric, etc.
- ▶ Engage SMEs for review of certain sections
- ▶ Consider if current categories still make sense
 - ▶ VBP Arrangements in Contracts, Statewide Population Health Monitoring, Monitoring Hospital Quality
- ▶ Consider if the current Measure Selection Criteria should be updated

Questions for PMCC Members

- ▶ How do you want to break down the WSCMS for review?
 - ▶ By domain or topic area; or
 - ▶ Go down the list and review 15-20 measures at a time
- ▶ Consideration for identifying core set measures
 - ▶ Does the PMCC want to select a goal for number of measures; or
 - ▶ Review recommendations for core set first and then determine size
- ▶ Other considerations
 - ▶ Should the core set include only “VBP appropriate” measures or others?
 - ▶ What is currently used vs not at all
 - ▶ High/intermediate/low priorities
 - ▶ Mixture of PCP and other specialty measures
 - ▶ Broad range of disease states
 - ▶ Strongly promote activities within WA

Questions for PMCC Members, cont.

- ▶ Should we only prioritize HEDIS measures, or does it make sense to include multiple versions of similar measures? For example:
 - ▶ Screening for Depression and Follow-Up
 - ▶ Providers typically use CMS measures in their federal programs
 - ▶ Depression Screening and Follow-Up (DSF-E)
 - ▶ Health Plans use NCQA HEDIS measures for accreditation requirements
- ▶ Are there other opportunities/strategies to consider?

Next Steps

- ▶ The PMCC will receive measure criteria and the measures review list beginning in March
 - ▶ Laura and Heleena will provide (where applicable) links to data reports and measure methodology for reference
 - ▶ Laura and Heleena will notate any *proposed* measure updates for 2026
- ▶ PMCC members may be asked to support review based on their organizational role and reach out to SMEs for input, if able
- ▶ May need an additional meeting to review results. Proposed times:
 - ▶ June 26: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 - ▶ July 21: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 - ▶ August 18: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Next steps, cont.

- ▶ PMCC members may send their responses and any questions to hcapmcc@hca.wa.gov
- ▶ PMCC members will discuss final recommendations at the Fall meeting
 - ▶ Please note: If you have not completed the required PMCC membership application and OPMA training, you will not be able to vote

Timeline and Priorities for PMCC in 2025

Heleena Hufnagel, HCA

Current activities

- ▶ Rural ad hoc workgroup
 - ▶ Wrap up May 2025
- ▶ WSCMS biennial review
 - ▶ Recommendations for core set brought to PMCC for voting in October
 - ▶ Final approval of recommendations December 2025
- ▶ Explore additional opportunities to incorporate data reports and presentations into committee discussions
 - ▶ Community Check Up
 - ▶ Healthier Washington Dashboard
 - ▶ Cost Board
 - ▶ WA-APCD



PMCC 2025 priorities discussion

- ▶ Are there topics of interest that the committee may want to explore in 2025?
- ▶ What are people in Washington talking about and are there any conversations that the PMCC should be tracking?
- ▶ We recognize that some of this may change based on updated State and Federal guidelines

Public Comment

Sharon Eloranta, MD

Public Comment

- ▶ Please enter your question or comment into the chat box
- ▶ If you prefer to speak, enter your name into the chat box and unmute yourself when called upon
- ▶ If speaking, please limit your comments to 2 minutes

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Judy Zerzan-Thul, MD

Wrap Up/Next steps

▶ Action Items

▶ Next Meeting:

- ▶ May 7, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m.

- ▶ Proposed agenda topics:

 - Continued review of the biennial WSCMS

 - Send additional topics to hcapmcc@hca.wa.gov ATTN: Heleena H. and Laura P.