Purpose
Continue to establish the direction and processes for identifying priorities for the Primary Care Medical Home Workgroup through data sharing and discussion.

Discussion Summary
The meeting began with a presentation from Mary Takach, MPH, RN, Policy Specialist for the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP). This presentation, available on http://dhmh.state.md.us/mhqcc/materials/primarycare/Takach_PCMH_NASHP.ppt provided an overview of the findings from NASHP’s review of medical home demonstration in about 2 dozen states. Ms. Takach highlighted the areas of work that have particular relevance to Maryland’s objectives by focusing on state-led multi-payer collaboratives in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. Ms. Takach presentation focused on five areas of activity: (1) forming key partnerships; (2) defining and recognizing medical home; (3) purchasing and reimbursement; (4) support for changing practices; and (5) measuring results.

The workgroup then heard an update presentation, available at http://dhmh.state.md.us/mhqcc/materials/primarycare/Shematek_PCMHUpdate_CareFirst.ppt from Jon Shematek, M.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, at CareFirst. This presentation provided an update on the launch of the CareFirst medical home demonstration. Their two-year demonstration program has 11 primary care practices, 84 physicians, 13 nurse practitioners serving over 150,000 patients, 30,000 of whom are CareFirst members. Dr. Shematek highlighted the foundational requirements for participation and CareFirst’s mechanisms to assist in practice transformation including use of an external consultant, technology needs assessments, NCQA PPC-PCMH Certification facilitation, and quarterly learning collaborative.

The workgroup then turned to development of a work plan. Dr. White outlined a summary of the Joint Principles of the Patient Centered Medical Home (available: http://www.pcpcc.net/content/joint-principles-patient-centered-medical-home/) and it was agreed that while the definition should not be altered significantly, staff should consider modifications to the definition regarding inclusion of nurse practitioners as leaders of the provider team,
engagement of pediatricians, and a whole-person approach, and bring them back to the workgroup for consideration.

The action steps were agreed upon as the natural dividing point for sub-groups.

The **Medical Home Foundations Subgroup** will be charged with:
- Defining the medical home and recognition method – should this be the Joint Principles or a combination of national standards and a Maryland-specific approach?
- Defining participants (types of providers, patients, payers, purchasers).
- Designating the recognition methods.
- Delineating measurement methods for quality, efficiency, and satisfaction.

The **Practice Transformation Subgroup** will be charged with:
- Identifying technical and financial challenges for practices considering adoption of a PCMH model.
- Determining sources of technical and infrastructure support, including foundation, government, and private.
- Determining the steps needed to sustain PCMHs once established.
- Identifying legal issues that need resolution, including Medicaid participation, anti-trust and safe-harbor issues.

The **Purchasers and Consumer Education Subgroup** will be charged with:
- Developing provider recruitment and training strategies.
- Creating standards for a patient education program focused on why it is important to have a medical home, assistance in matching patients and PCMHs.

The workgroup as a whole will focus on determining/recommending funding sources.

**Teleconference Participants**

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