Joint Affiliation Committee - Minutes

June 1, 2026 11AM
Location: Teams

ATTENDEES

University of Texas	Central Health/CCC	Ascension/Seton
Ryan Johnson	Monica Crowley	Ashley Dickinson
Sri Chalikonda	Jeff Knodel	Samson Jesudass
Sean Griffin (for Melissa Villarreal García)	Jon Morgan	Willie Lopez
Jewel Mullen*	Alan Schalscha	
	Katie Coburn	

**Dr. Mullen also serves as Director of Health Equity for Ascension Seton and Directory of Health Equity and Quality for Central Health*

Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Approval of February 23 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the February 23 meeting. Discussion included the Travis County Commissioners Court request to post meeting minutes online, quarterly meeting schedules, quality metrics, governance, and tracking implementation of Mazars recommendations.

Action: The minutes were approved at 11:13 a.m. by unanimous vote. Ryan Johnson moved for approval, and Dr. Mullen seconded.

3. Proposed Quality Metrics and Shared Clinical Quality Framework

The Committee reviewed a draft **Central Health–UT Dell Medicine Shared Clinical Quality Framework**, including proposed domains for quality measurement:

1. Access to Care
2. Clinical Outcomes
3. Patient and Family Experience
4. Patient Safety
5. Integrated Care Coordination

The Committee discussed the need to clarify the scope of the measures, determine which data are currently available, and identify measures that can be implemented in the near term. Members also discussed alignment with existing Central Health reporting requirements, including HRSA and UDS measures, as well as HEDIS measures and other standard quality metrics.

Members recommended forming smaller work groups to further evaluate each domain, identify appropriate measures, assess data availability, and develop a collaborative dashboard. Mental health measures and opportunities to assess efficiency across systems were also identified for further consideration.

Action Items:

- **Ryan Johnson:** Convene a quality metrics workgroup meeting before the end of June.
- **Central Health and UT teams:** Form smaller workgroups to analyze the proposed domains and report recommendations back to the full Committee.
- The workgroups will prioritize identifying measures that can be implemented with currently available data and establish an initial set of metrics as a foundation for future expansion.

4. Policy for Reconciling Payments and Expenses Related to $35 Million

The Committee discussed progress toward developing procedures for reconciling payments and expenses associated with the $35 million. Members agreed on the need for appropriate procedures and discussed requesting additional data for 2026.

Action: Jeff will forward a formal request for consideration of additional 2026 data within the next few weeks.

5. Review of Mazars Recommendations

Monica reviewed the status of recommendations from the Mazars review, including recommendations related to accountability procedures and controls. The Committee discussed tracking progress on recommendations.

The Committee noted that while Mazars recommended changes to the governing document, the parties do not intend to renegotiate the existing agreement.

Monica thanked members participating in the Central Health and Travis County needs assessment and encouraged members to identify additional individuals who may be appropriate to participate.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **11:46 a.m.**