

HEALTHCARE NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROPOSED TIMELINE

TASK	DATE
• HNAC Meeting <i>(Introduction of members, adopt bylaws)</i>	October 25, 2001
• HNAC Meeting <i>(Discussion of draft RFP)</i>	January 31, 2002
• HNAC Meeting <i>(Review consultant applicants)</i>	February 20, 2002
• HNAC Meeting <i>(Selection of top consultant candidates)</i>	April 19, 2002
• HNAC Meeting <i>(Oral presentations by consultant finalists)</i>	May 1, 2002
• Negotiate Contract	May 1 –29, 2002
• Contract awarded	May 29, 2002
• Send notice of contract award to the Texas Register	June 5, 2002
• HNAC Workgroup/Consultant kickoff meeting	June 6, 2002
• Network Standards Report to HNAC by Med Fx <i>(thirty days after award of contract; report to be included in meeting agenda packet)</i>	June 28, 2002
• HNAC Meeting <i>(Med Fx Network Standards Reports presentation; review and make recommendations on proposed network standards)</i>	July 2, 2002
• HNAC Meeting <i>(discussion and decisions regarding the Stakeholder meetings)</i>	July 29, 2002
• Written Summary Report of Preliminary Findings <i>(seventy five days after award of contract)</i>	August 12, 2002

- HNAC Meeting
(Med Fx presentation on preliminary findings, provide input on findings)(discussion of standards, report card and core issues reports) August 16, 2002
- RFI, Core Issues report and draft for stakeholder meetings due to HNAC Committee August 23, 2002
- Final Feasibility Study Report submitted
(ninety days after award of contract) August 27, 2002
- HNAC Meeting
(Med Fx presentation of final feasibility study report)
(approval of RFI, Core Issues report and draft for stakeholder meetings) September 3, 2003
- Final Revisions to Feasibility Study Report submitted, in necessary
(seven days after presentation) September 6, 2002
- Release of RFI by MedFx September 9, 2002
- Stakeholder Meetings Sept. 10-13, 2002
- Responses due from RFI by MedFx Sep. 27, 2002
- MedFx findings to HNAC from stakeholder meetings October 3, 2002
- Development and Implementation Process Sept.-Dec. 2002
- HNAC Meeting
(presentation on findings from stakeholder and early RFI feedback discussion Standards report and Report Card report) October 7, 2002
- Subcommittee Meeting October 18, 2002
- Draft of Feasibility Study November 5, 2002
- HNAC Meeting
(presentation of feasibility study report) November 25, 2002
- Final Revisions to Feasibility Study Report submitted, if necessary
(seven days after presentation) December 2, 2002
- Development and Implementation process Dec. 2002– Jan. 03

- HNAC Meeting February 7, 2003
(Presentation by MedFx on the network standards report, report card standards, and network feasibility study)
- HNAC Meeting March 7, 2003
(recommendation of statutory revisions)
- HNAC Meeting Nov. 17, 2003
(Presentations by the University of Texas, Texas A&M, and Texas Department of Transportation)

Future Plans

The next step for the HNAC is to complete development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit network proposals for the pilot. HNAC hired a consultant to assist with the RFP draft (Dr. Jeff Harris, Jeff Harris and Associates), who has submitted a draft of an RFP. The HNAC RFP Workgroup has scheduled weekly telephone meetings to discuss the draft RFP. Through discussions of the Workgroup members, it has become clear that additional work is needed with respect to data collection and reporting requirements. Data collection and reporting issues need to be detailed in the RFP so that responses to the RFP will be meaningful and accurately based upon HNAC and Commission expectations.

Another issue that remains unresolved is the level of participation that can be expected, given that employees can opt out of the networks. Although MedFx addressed this in their Feasibility Report, questions have been raised as to the possibility of conducting an employee survey regarding participation.

In addition, the average medical cost per claim reported in the presentations by the university systems and TxDOT differ from those contained within the MedFx Feasibility Report, and HNAC and the Commission need to reconcile those numbers.

The remainder of the timeline is dependent on the date the RFP is finalized, and cannot be determined at this time. They include the following actions:

- RFPs drafted by TWCC staff with assistance from HNAC workgroup
- Notice of RFPs availability posted
- Questions pertaining to RFPs due to TWCC in writing
- Vendor Conferences
- Letters of intent to bid due from vendors
- Deadline for submission of network contracting proposals

- Deadline for submission of performance review contract proposals
- Proposal review / site review by TWCC and ROC staff
- Go/No-Go Decision and/or Notice of selection and intent to negotiate contract terms
- Conclude contract negotiations
- Effective date of contract
- Training of SORM adjusters in disability management and Coordination with network
- SORM and selected employers/insurers pilot evaluation of SORM pilot
- Modify/enhance network model and network contracts
- Renew regional networks in pilot areas while expanding to all employers
- RFPs let to network vendors in other regions of the State
- Network selection for other regions
- Implementation of regional networks in other areas of the state