# **Evaluation SIM Subcommittee Monthly Summary for Steering Committee (April & May 2016 activities)**

Meeting dates: 3/30/16 (April meeting), 5/4/2016

Number of participants: April: 20, May: 20

Organizations Represented at meetings: DHHS/OCQI, MaineCare, Maine Medical Association, Maine Osteopathic Association, ME Association of Health Plans, HealthInfoNet, Maine Quality Counts, Maine CDC, UPC of Maine, Maine Health Management Coalition, Consumer representatives, Lewin, Market Decisions

1. **Please state the subcommittee’s strategic focus for the months of April and May:**

* Review, refinement and finalization of the consumer, provider, and stakeholder research tools & methods for 2016
* Recommendations for refinements to the SIM public dashboard “look and feel”; Review of recent updated SIM Core Metric data
* Introduction to evaluation “Special Studies” for 2016

1. **Please state the subcommittee’s key findings/work/impact for the months of April and May:**

The subcommittee contributed recommendations for the final 2016 consumer interview tools & methods- those tools and methods are now complete and approved by OCQI for consumer interviews to begin early summer. The subcommittee also reviewed and recommended refinements to the 2016 provider and stakeholder research tools and methods. Provider surveys/interviews (choice offered) will be conducted with Stage A& B Health Home representatives and MaineCare Accountable Community leaders or designees beginning mid-summer. Plans for stakeholder focus groups are still in development. Preliminary plans include facilitation of 2 focus groups- one with Steering Committee representatives, the second with Sub-Committee representatives with a goal to obtain insight to the SIM governance structure, historical decision-making processes, perceptions of successes/challenges with SIM interventions, and feedback to inform future design of a sustainable ME health care reform governance structure. The committee provided recommendations for refinements to the ME SIM public dashboard “look and feel” for clarity of interpretation of data. The committee was introduced to preliminary plans for “Special Studies” to be included in the 2016 SIM Evaluation plan. The committee was encouraged to think about options for sustainability of evaluation of Maine health care reform activities after the end of the SIM test period this year.

1. **Please describe which SIM goals were the primary focus of the subcommittee, and how they may be impacted:**

The subcommittee continues to focus on priorities for 2016 evaluation activities including the second round of consumer, provider, & stakeholder research and the Special Studies. This work impacts and informs the ultimate annual SIM evaluation report due before year end 2016.

1. **Please state the subcommittee’s challenges for the month:** Need to further identify means to obtain clinical data at practice level to inform further analysis- OCQI to work with representatives from HealthInfoNet and Quality Counts to explore further options.
2. **Please state risks identified:** K. Pelletreau noted the recent SCOTUS decision upholding the right of self-insured payers to refuse to submit data to state APCDs (Gobeille vs. Liberty Mutual). This impacts the availability of data for state-wide population health analysis- important for Steering Committee to be aware of this Supreme Court decision.
3. **Please summarize the goals for June 1, 2016 subcommittee meeting:**

* Review and gain final committee approval of stakeholder research tools and methods,
* Inform members of progress of Community Health Worker (CHW) and National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) implementation,
* Inform members of further plans for “Special Studies” for the 2016 SIM Evaluation,
* Inform members on Medicare Proposal Oversight Committee activities,
* Continue discussion of evaluation sustainability options (this will be an ongoing discussion).