

Question list for the October 19, 2017 meeting of LOC Site Visits, LOC Designations, and Facilities

Objective: DPH's ultimate goal is to make site visits more instructive and informative. We've identified three overarching questions:

- What is required for a designation, particularly as far as documentation goes?
- What should a site visit look like? If we're focused more on quality, what should have been reviewed in advance?
- How does Facilities play a role in advance review of documents – how much can they review and how will/can they do it?

With those questions in mind, below are the specific questions to be addressed by the group(s).

1. What data that we currently ask for in Appendix A do we need to keep?
 - a. What do we want reported on from a quality perspective?
 - b. What data is critical to superior outcomes / what data is necessary to prove a high-quality, evidence-based review?
 - c. What are the minimum data requirements?
 - d. Do the minimum requirements change by hospital level? By volume?
2. How does the data get submitted and reviewed?
3. What do we do with the data?
 - a. Who reviews it first? (Facilities? Site visit team?)
 - b. Then what happens?
4. How often is the data reviewed?
5. How often do site visits occur?
6. If the data submitted is reviewed more often than the site visits occur (ex: annual submission v. site visit every 3 years) what happens if the first group to review identifies a problem well in advance of the next scheduled site visit?
7. What QI things do all hospitals need to report on?
 - a. What are we looking for?
 - b. How do we identify quality indicators and where do they go?
 - c. What happens if quality concerns are identified?
8. What's the purpose of a site visit?
 - a. What are the benefits of a site visit? What are the consequences of a bad site visit?
 - b. Do we keep calling it a "site visit?"
 - c. Do we need to do a physical site visit?
9. What's the priority of the site visits under the new rules? Who gets a site visit first?
10. What are the critical issues for the first round of site visits? In other words, do we only look at specific issues (ex: resource requirements) so that all hospitals can be designated as quickly as possible, and then start looking at data and other issues at subsequent site visits?
11. What does DPH want PAC to do and accomplish on behalf of the Department? This should include a discussion of what role PAC and Facilities play post-site visit.