



Kidney Interagency Coordinating Committee Meeting

Shifting toward a paradigm of kidney health: Moving models of kidney care upstream

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Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Susan Mendley, M.D., Program Director, Division of Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases (KUH), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Jenna Norton, Ph.D., M.P.H., Program Director, KUH, NIDDK, NIH

Robert Star, M.D., Director, KUH, NIDDK, NIH

Dr. Jenna Norton welcomed members and attendees to the NIDDK Kidney Interagency Coordinating Committee (KICC) meeting, which included both in-person and virtual attendees. She reminded participants that the KICC was mandated by Congress in 1987 to encourage cooperation, communication, and collaboration among all federal agencies engaged in kidney research and related activities. This mandate was in recognition of the need for better coordination of the federal response to chronic kidney disease (CKD). The objective remains to convene an active group of federal professionals working to address CKD to foster engaged discussion, solicit feedback on plans and ideas, and make a notable change in the progression of kidney disease. The federal response to CKD among agencies is multifaceted and interconnected and encompasses public education and outreach, surveillance, professional education and outreach, delivery of and payment for CKD care, research, quality improvement, and evidence of therapy's efficacy. Through the KICC, NIDDK aims to foster discussion about bringing these many facets of CKD together. Dr. Norton noted that today's meeting will focus on moving models of kidney care upstream.

Dr. Mendley reminded attendees of the September 2024 discussion focused on recognizing the full spectrum of kidney health and disease. She acknowledged that today's meeting would build on that discussion, beginning with a review of kidney care models from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI).

Review of Recent Models at CMMI related to Kidney Disease and Diabetes

Tom Duvall, MBA, Colleen Barbero, PhD, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Representatives from CMMI, Tom Duvall and Colleen Barbero, provided an overview of CMMI kidney disease-focused innovation models, including the Comprehensive ESRD Care (CEC) Model, Kidney Care Choices (KCC) Model, ESRD Treatment Choices (ETC) Model, and the Increasing Organ Transplant

Access (IOTA) Model. They also discussed recent modifications to the CMS Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) and shared outcomes and critical insights gained from these models, highlighting the potential for earlier intervention. Subsequent KICC member discussion explored opportunities for improving care for people with kidney disease including clinical interventions and payment methodologies to enhance care delivery within a prevention framework. For more detailed information about the CMS models, please visit: The CMS Innovation Center website (innovation.cms.gov).

Around the Table

Dr. Susan Crowley informed participants that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Department of Defense (DOD) Evidence-Based Practice Work Group (EBPWG) is revising their Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the Primary Care Management of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) to include the most recent published data, through June 2024. The CPG will provide an evidence-based framework for evaluating and managing adult patients, 18 years or older, who have or are at risk for CKD, in the primary care setting to improve clinical outcomes. This will be shared with KICC participants once finalized.

Adjournment

Drs. Mendley and Norton thanked the attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting. The next KICC meeting will be held on September 19, 2025.

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