NH Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)
Monday March 14, 2016
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
NH Hospital Association
125 Airport Road
Concord, New Hampshire

Meeting Minutes

Member/Alternate Attendees:
Michael Auerbach, Diana Dedousis, Ellen Edgerly, Earle Kolb, Doug McNutt, Michele Merritt, Paula Minnehan, Sarah Morrison, Ken Norton, Cindy Robertson, Charles Saia, Ann Schwartzwalder, Michelle Winchester

Member Absent:
Sarah Aiken, Lisa DiMartino, Jane Guilmette, Travis Harker, Mel Spierer, Kristine Stoddard, Carolyn Virtue

DHHS Staff Attendees:
Kelly Cote, Katie Dunn, Jeff Meyers

Guests:
Isadora Rodriguez- Legendre, NHCDD

Review/Approval of January 11th and February 8th MCAC Minutes
Meeting minutes approval moved by Michael Auerbach with a second by Cindy Robertson. All in favor.

Transformation Waiver: Commissioner Meyers
Commissioner Meyers provided an update to the group on the public information sessions for the waiver and reviewed the powerpoint presentation from those sessions. The proposed implementation is posted on the DHHS website (http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/section-1115-waiver/index.htm). The Department is taking public comment on all aspects of this proposal and will be accepting one or more applications for delivery networks across the state from regions. NH is only the second state in country to implement waiver in this form; New York being the other. The NH waiver is focused on behavioral health and SUD.

Managed Care: Commissioner Meyers
Has spoken to the MCM Commission and the HHS Legislative Oversight Committee regarding Step 2, Phase 2 of managed care. The first phase of implementation of step 2 was inclusion of voluntary population. There was a 60-day continuity of care that started on Feb 1st and runs through April 2nd; working with MCOs to be sure that all services and transition runs smoothly. Before the next phase of Step 2 moves forward the Department needs to have a detailed plan on implementation (the program in its entirety); it needs to be understood by all. The MCOs will be developing the plan for DHHS and public review. Once there is completed a plan for CFI and nursing facilities we can then turn attention to final phase which includes BDS waivered services. To date no timeline has been established.

MLTSS/Ombudsman Update: Commissioner Meyers and Cindy Robertson
Jeff noted the need to make a decision on how to move forward with the addition of a LTSS Ombudsman. Looking at the different approaches including looking at outsourcing to a third party. Cindy gave an update on the workgroup that was created by the MCAC to look at this issue. They have been working with Deb Scheetz on this. The Department is working on the scenarios and ideas that the subcommittee has brought forward. They also met with Camille Dobson. The workgroup notes that it’s difficult on knowing perimeters when they don’t know what the independent case manager’s role and responsibilities are going to look like. On behalf of the workgroup they feel that it should be an independent third party.
PDN Update: Katie Dunn
The SPA public notice was completed – Kelly can get copy to anyone that wants it. The contract amendments for the health plans were approved on March 9th; provider communications have been completed. SB 439 on study committee was heard by Senate HHS and received the Department’s full support. Commissioner Meyers will be appointing people to be on this study committee. This is going really well; very responsive to critical need. CMS has been reviewing our state plan and has questioned us on definition of personal care attendant and what we have been reimbursing LNAs for under the state plan. Kim Reeve is reviewing the federal regulations to assure we are in compliance. When talking with CMS about license nursing assistants and personal care attendants we came to conclusion that we need to create a PCA benefit for kids. DHHS will work on this as soon as possible.

SUD Benefit for Medicaid: Katie Dunn
SUD benefit has been available for the NHHPP program. Effective July 1st it will be available to the remainder of Medicaid. NH needs more residential providers in the state; there is a lot of interest. We just put forward He-W 513 that outlines the rules for the SUD benefit. The rates are staying the same as with NHHPP. The Commissioner, Katie, and Joe Harding met with behavioral health providers last week. There was a lot of feedback on not understanding what the different QHPs on the Marketplace covers for SUD services. Also heard a lot of positive feedback regarding the expansion of the benefit which is on track for July 1st. Benefit does include youth and pregnant women.

Telehealth Update: Katie Dunn
A bill was passed last year asking Medicaid to put a telehealth benefit in place. Tele-psychiatry is one of the primary services that telehealth has been utilized for in NH. Before the bill passed Katie worked with the Telehealth Advisory Board under DRED and also with Sarah Fletcher at Dartmouth. There are 38 telehealth specialties that are available throughout Dartmouth. Legislation says that it can only be used as specialty services. If we are going to do pilot for proof of concept it made sense to work with what is already in place at Dartmouth. The Department has put their work plan together and now waiting to see work plan on Dartmouth’s end. After the work plan from Dartmouth is received a timeline will be created.

Rule Review
He-W 819 Presumptive Eligibility Subcommittee: Michelle Winchester
For CFI – in 2007 legislative passed law – would allow someone to be determined eligible before they go through the whole process. This has not been used once because financial verifications have been required in presumptive eligibility. Subcommittee working with Department on creating a better rule. Anyone interested can contact Michelle to join the subcommittee or just give input. Providers are the ones that make the decision on who is presumptive eligible.

Review Tasks:
☒ Katie will ask Chris about who is on the Home Health Committee

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 8, 2016 at the NH Hospital Association scheduled from 1:00-3:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Cote, Administrative Assistant