

**NH Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)
Monday April 11, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

BY CONFERENCE CALL

Meeting Minutes

Member/Alternate Attendees:

Michael Auerbach, Diana Dedousis, Ellen Edgerly, Ellen Keith Earle Kolb, Doug McNutt, Michele Merritt, Paula Minnehan, Sarah Morrison, Ken Norton, Richard Royce, Kristine Stoddard, Mel Spierer, Carolyn Virtue, Michelle Winchester

Member Absent:

Lisa DiMartino, Jane Guilmette, Travis Harker, Cindy Robertson, Chris Rueggeberg, Ann Schwartzwalder

DHHS Staff Attendees:

Kelly Cote, Katie Dunn, Dawn Landry, Deb Scheetz

Guests:

Janet Monohan, Rich Seigel

Announcement

Sarah has taken a new job and will no longer be on the MCAC. Richard Royce who is now in the position she vacated will be her replacement on the MCAC.

Review/Approval of March 14th MCAC Minutes

The review and approval of these minutes will be postponed until we meet in person at the next meeting.

Rule Review

FYI: Initial Proposal Asset Transfer/Undue Hardship Waivers: Katie Dunn

There is a major change to undue hardship rules found at He-W 821.01. There are still outstanding questions that Dawn had given to CMS; hope to get answers soon. Looking to get a subcommittee formed now. Volunteers: Michelle Winchester and Carolyn Virtue. Dawn Landry clarifies that He-W 621 is where they are currently they will be moved to He-W 821. If anyone else wants to join the subcommittee they can touch base with Kelly Cote or Michelle Winchester.

DHHS Update: Katie Dunn

Deb Fournier has been appointed the Deputy Medicaid Director; this became official last week. The Commissioner has publicly said he wants to see detailed operations that can be vetted publically for Step 2; that's the piece with nursing facilities and CFI.

In terms of the transformation waiver DHHS has finished public info sessions. A common theme noted by participants is concern with the network regions. DHHS to release for second time a request for proposal for the waiver evaluation vendor. There is a team within the Department that is working to develop specific requirements around each of the projects within the waiver. There is a group looking at integrating care and outlining what the networks will have to do. There is also a state wide project around workforce; the Department is aware of other efforts within in the Department and externally around health workforce. Those efforts will be incorporated/acknowledged.

Congratulations to Commissioner and Governor as the NHHP reauthorization what signed into law. The program is reauthorized for a two more years. The reauthorization legislation requires that the Department submit an

amendment to the Premium Assistance Program waiver to request the authority to implement a number of requirements including a mandatory work requirement and an ER co-pay. There is language that if CMS does not approve that the program can still continue except for the ER co-pay. DHHS is working on drafting the changes and Katie will seek MCAC feedback on this before sending it to CMS.

PDN Rate Increase: Deb Scheetz

The PDN rate increase did go into effect on April 1st. The Department revised the LPN rates to include intensive care rates as we determined that LPNs met the criteria. A memo went out to providers. SPA not due until June 2016. If anyone has questions contact Deb Scheetz or Diane Peterson. The health plans are all set; PA process does not change for either plan. There were no changes to provider agreements. As part of management oversight DHHS has requested quarterly reports from the health plans. Taking look at changes around rules; this will be brought to MCAC. The Department has given support to SB 439. In addition to the overall rate increase DHHS put together a temporary initiative to assist a half dozen families who have been unable to have their PDN hours filled at all.

Legislative Items: Katie Dunn

There is a bill that is going through a hearing on continuing suspension of the prior authorization for certain mental health drugs at CMHCs. A second bill that DHHS is engaged in is SB 127. This is a bill that originated outside of the Department that allows a nursing facility that is caring for individual with long term care needs to have someone appointed as a Medicaid representative for that individual. A lot of concerns have been voiced. If anyone has specific questions around these bills please contact Kim Reeve at (603) 271-9386 or Kimberly.Reeve@dhhs.state.nh.us.

HCBC Waiver Renewal: Michelle Winchester

If anyone wants to review and come up with a response then contact Michelle Winchester to volunteer for a subcommittee.

Other: Kathleen Dunn

Katie mentions that CMS will be releasing final updated managed care rules. A copy of the comments that NH submitted were sent to the MCAC members. Katie is not sure yet if any substantial changes have been made by CMS. When the summary is completed Katie will share with the MCAC; as we will probably need to do something with SPA and rules.

New reporting requirements for Medicaid: Access To Care reporting. Friday CMS published an extension for the due date of the first report from July 1, 2016 to October 1st. A draft will be forthcoming. CMS wants to assess how states are monitoring network adequacy and what our corrective action plan is for any issues that are discovered.

The next meeting will be held on Monday May 9, 2016 at the NH Hospital Association scheduled from 1:00-3:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Cote, Administrative Assistant