

**Meeting of the
Board of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia**

June 12, 2007

DRAFT Minutes

Present:

Rose C. Chu
Terone B. Green
Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D.
Patsy Ann Hobson
Barbara H. Klear
Manikoth G. Kurup, M.D. (Chair)
Robert D. Voogt, Ph.D.
Michael Walker

DMAS Staff:

Reatha Kay, Legal Counsel
Sam Metallo, Director, Appeals Division
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications &
Legislative Affairs
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs

Speakers:

Cynthia B. Jones, Chief Deputy Director
Linda Nablo, Director, Maternal and Child Health Division
Steve Ford, Director, Policy and Research Division
Karen Lawson, Policy Manager, Policy and Research Division

Absent:

Phyllis L. Cothran
Kay C. Horney
David Sylvester

Guests:

6 guests signed in.

Call to Order

Dr. Manikoth G. Kurup, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. after a quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2007 Meeting

Dr. Kurup asked that the Board review and make a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2007 meeting. Mr. Green made the motion to accept the Minutes and Dr. Harris seconded. The vote was **7 yes (Chu, Green, Harris, Hobson, Klear, Kurup, and Voogt); 0-no**. At Mr. Green's request, Dr. Kurup then asked that DMAS staff and guests introduce themselves.

SCHIP Reauthorization

Cynthia Jones introduced Linda Nablo, Director of the Maternal and Child Health Division. Ms. Nablo gave an overview of the state children's health insurance program (SCHIP) which is the federal legislation and funding that supports our FAMIS and FAMIS Mom's Program.

SCHIP was authorized by Congress in 1997 with \$40 billion in federal funding to be spent between 1997 and 2007.

As the 10 year period is ending, Ms. Nablo stated that if SCHIP is funded at the 2007 level, then most states will face a shortfall by 2012 with Virginia experiencing our shortfall in 2009. Nationally, Congress is considering a new funding level of \$25 billion over a five year period; however, it is estimated that \$12 - \$15 billion more will be needed over that amount just to maintain the current enrollment.

Ms. Nablo explained the high points of Senate Bill 1224 patroned by Rockefeller/Snowe/Kennedy. The Children's Health Insurance Advisory Committee of which the Board is a member has sent a letter to the Virginia congressional delegation and copied the Governor stating their support and asking that Congress move quickly to reauthorize SCHIP and to allow sufficient funding so the program can expand and continue. This bill is expected to be voted on in Senate Committee right after the July 4 recess. Dr. Harris made a motion that staff draft a letter on behalf of the Board in support of the program and Ms. Klear seconded. The vote was **8 yes (Chu, Green, Harris, Hobson, Klear, Kurup, Voogt, and Walker); 0-no.**

Money Follows the Person

Ms. Jones introduced Karen Lawson, Policy Manager in the Policy and Research Division. Ms. Lawson gave a detailed overview of the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Demonstration program that Virginia was selected to participate in during May 2007. This program supports Virginia's *Olmstead* community integration initiative by "strengthening the infrastructure for community-based long-term care support services so that Virginians who are aging or who have disabilities may choose to move from institutional settings and live in more integrated community settings." Ms. Lawson discussed the components of the program and the funding stream that will support this new initiative. She also outlined the steps being developed to ensure that the MFP Demonstration program will be operational for the four-year award period which begins May 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011.

Developing a Long-Term Care Partnership in Virginia

Ms. Lawson continued with an overview of Long-Term Care Partnerships. Since the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 lifted the moratorium on estate recovery disregards and encouraged new development of LTC Partnerships, Virginia has proven to be a recognized leader in this initiative. Specifically, the General Assembly passed legislation directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to pursue the development of a long-term care partnership. Ms. Lawson explained how the partnership will work, the special requirements that the policies will have, and the relationship between partnership policies and Medicaid eligibility. While there are challenges with the partnership program, the expected launch date for Virginia is September 1, 2007. A major goal of the program is that consumers will be encouraged to get involved in planning for their long-term care needs and purchase private long-term care insurance.

Governor's Health Care Reform Commission Update

Steve Ford, Director of the Policy and Research Division, explained some of the preliminary recommendations of the various workgroups with particular focus on the recommendations that have direct or indirect impact on DMAS. The Commission will be drafting their final report during the summer and will present it to Governor Kaine by September 1, 2007, so the recommendations can be considered for the Governor's proposed budget for the 2008-2010 Biennium.

Proposed By-Law Amendment

Ms. Jones discussed the proposed by-law amendment to change Section 4.3.3 that reads, "The Secretary shall be selected by the ~~full~~ Board,..." Dr. Harris made a motion to approve Ms. White as the Board Secretary and Mr. Green seconded. The vote was 7-yes (**Chu, Green, Harris, Hobson, Kurup, Voogt and Walker**); 0-no. The Board will vote on the by-law amendment at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Regulatory Activity Summary

The Regulatory Activity Summary is included in the Members' books to review at their convenience.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Dr. Kurup thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.