



# MEETING MINUTES

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February 1, 2019  
12:00-2:00 PM

**Location:**  
600 East Main Street  
Richmond, VA  
First Floor, Room 103

**The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were present:**

- Denise Daly Konrad                      Chair of CHIPAC
- Michele Chesser                        Vice Chair of CHIPAC
- Sherry Sinkler Crawley                Member at Large

**The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were absent:**

- Amy Edwards                            Membership Chair
- Ashley Everette                        Member at Large

**The following DMAS staff members were present:**

- Rebecca Anderson, Manager, Policy Planning and Innovation Division
- Hope Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Planning and Innovation Division

**Minutes**

Denise Daly Konrad, Chair of CHIPAC, called the meeting to order at 12:12 PM.

**I. CHIPAC Business**

**A. Review and approval of minutes from previous Executive Subcommittee meetings.** Executive Subcommittee members reviewed the minutes from the August 3, 2018 and November 2, 2018 Executive Subcommittee meetings. The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

**B. Membership Subcommittee Update.** The Executive Subcommittee discussed potential members to fill the vacant spot on the committee. The group continued a discussion from the previous Executive Subcommittee meeting regarding potential member organizations. Members continued to express interest in having a parent/family representative serve on the Committee, possibly with organizational

backup, since it can be difficult for working parents to attend a meeting held during the day. The group agreed to continue discussions at the next Executive Subcommittee meeting.

Daly Konrad informed the Executive Subcommittee that Jill Christiansen of Inova will no longer be able to attend CHIPAC meetings due to a move out of state. Richardson stated that she would contact Rachel Lynch and clarify whether Rachel will continue to represent Inova on CHIPAC.

Daly Konrad reminded the group that she will be unable to attend the March 7 CHIPAC Full Committee meeting. Michele Chesser, CHIPAC Vice Chair, will facilitate the meeting in Daly Konrad's absence.

Members discussed the possibility of rescheduling the next quarterly Executive Subcommittee meeting to ensure a quorum can be present. [The meeting has been rescheduled and will take place Monday, April 29, 2019, from 10 am to 12 pm at DMAS offices, 600 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA. This meeting change has been made on Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and Commonwealth Calendar.]

- C. Public Charge letter.** CHIPAC passed a motion at its June meeting resolving to send a letter in response to the federal Department of Homeland Security Proposed Rule on Public Charge. CHIPAC sent a letter on December 6 to the DMAS Director and Virginia's Secretary of Health and Human Resources on the potential impact and harm caused to Virginia's children by the proposed changes to public charge policy. The letter recommended the DMAS Director and Secretary submit public comment to the federal government.

Daly Konrad and Richardson provided an update on the Secretary's response to the letter. Secretary Carey responded to CHIPAC's letter, stating that the Governor shared the Committee's concerns and had submitted a letter to DHS during the public comment period. Richardson stated that Virginia's Attorney General joined the AGs of 17 other states in a letter challenging the proposal and outlining the grounds for opposition.

- D. Mental health dashboard indicators.** The group discussed the Mental Health Dashboard data provided at the December CHIPAC meeting and possible next steps for refining the Dashboard indicators. Richardson and Anderson indicated that it would be useful for DMAS to meet internally with members of the Office of Data Analytics and staff involved in the Behavioral Health Redesign project. Richardson suggested that for the March meeting, CHIPAC members might be interested in hearing an update on the Behavioral Health Redesign and/or the ARTS benefit. She stated that she would reach out to the staff involved in these projects with invitations to attend the upcoming CHIPAC meeting.

- E. CHIPAC dashboard.** The Executive Subcommittee had a discussion about the CHIPAC dashboard, including ways to make it more user friendly, clarify data

sources, and fine-tune the data that needs to be included in the dashboard for the committee's work.

## **II. DMAS and VDSS Updates**

### **DMAS**

Richardson and Anderson delivered an update from DMAS. Anderson provided an update on the General Assembly session. She reported that two bills moving toward Crossover aimed to enable access to services via telehealth. HB1970 and SB1221 both would direct DMAS to ensure that coverage of services delivered via telemedicine are included in the State Plan. These bills would also direct DMAS and other insurers to include remote patient monitoring modalities into the definition of telemedicine. SB1195, which was crossing over to the House, would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Education to establish a school-based health centers joint task force in coordination with DMAS and DBHDS' behavioral health transformation efforts.

Richardson provided a DMAS child enrollment update and pointed out that an Expansion Tracker is now available on the DMAS website. The Tracker is updated frequently and can be used to see enrollment breakdowns by region, age, gender, parental status, and other criteria.

Anderson reported that the DMAS and DBHDS-led Behavioral Health Redesign project continues in the early phases of gathering stakeholder input, service continuum design, and budget and regulatory planning. This is a long-term process that is likely to continue for a year or more.

Anderson also reported that she recently presented to the National Academy for State Health Policy, during their CHIP directors monthly forum call, an overview of CHIPAC's history, purpose, bylaws, and current priorities.

Richardson reported that DMAS has a new Deputy Director of Administration, Rachel Pryor. Pryor brings nearly fifteen years of experience in Congress, the US Dept. of Health and Human Services, and the private sector. In her most recent role, Rachel was chief advisor and negotiator for members of Congress and leadership in the U.S. House with respect to the Medicaid program. She brings a breadth of knowledge of the Medicaid program, CMS policies and regulatory guidance, as well as extensive experience balancing widely varying interests and communicating strategies effectively to differing audiences.

### **VDSS**

Sinkler-Crawley reported that 232,117 individuals had enrolled in Medicaid expansion as of that day, and that the number was steadily increasing. DSS was working to process the apps as quickly as possible, and trying to provide as much help to the

LDSS as possible. Sinkler-Crawley confirmed that Cover VA and CommonHelp are the two biggest sources of new applications.

### **III. Agenda items for the March 7 Full Committee Meeting**

The committee agreed on the following draft agenda for the March 7 Full Committee Meeting.

- 1) CHIPAC Business**
  - a.** Review/approval of minutes from December 6 meeting
  - b.** Membership Subcommittee update
  - c.** CHIPAC Dashboard review
    - i. Medicaid expansion and the CHIPAC Dashboard
  - d.** Public Charge update
- 2) General Assembly Session update**
- 3) Virginia Mental Health Access Program (VMAP) presentation – Dr. Sandy Chung**
- 4) DMAS Update**
- 5) VDSS Update**
- 6) Agenda for June 6 CHIPAC Meeting**
- 7) Public Comment**

### **IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.