

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

September 24, 2013

Minutes

Present:

Michelle Collins-Robinson
Brian H. Ewald
Maria Jankowski
Karen S. Rheuban, M.D.
Chair
J. Mott Robertson, Jr., M.D.
Erica L. Wynn, M.D.
Marcia Wright Yeskoo

Absent:

Joseph W. Boatwright, III, M.D.
Vice Chair
Kay C. Horney
Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.

One vacant position

DMAS Staff:

Cheryl J. Roberts, Deputy Director for Operations
Karen E. Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Care and
Services
Elizabeth Guggenheim, Legal Counsel
Jodie Manz, Intern
Craig Markva, Director, Office of Communications,
Legislation & Administration
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist and Board Liaison

Speakers:

Cynthia B. Jones, Director
Steven E. Ford, Deputy Director for Administration
Suzanne Gore, Director of Policy and Research
Adrienne Fegans, Senior Program Operations Administrator
Ashley Harrell, Acting Manager, Maternal & Child Health

Guests:

Becky Bowers-Lanier, VHF
Tim Carr, BMS
Tyler Cox, First Choice
Richard Grossman, Vectre Corporation
Hobart Harvey, VHCA
Hunter Jamerson, Macaulay & Burtch
Scott Johnson, Esq., First Choice Consulting
Rick Meidlidger, Johnson & Johnson
Andrew Miller, McGuire Woods
Seon Rockwell, DMAS/North Highland
Rick Shinn, Va. Community Healthcare Association

Call to Order

Dr. Karen S. Rheuban, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves. Then, introductions continued around the room. When the meeting convened there was not a quorum, therefore, the approval of the minutes was delayed.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STATUS OF KEY PROJECTS

For the Director's report, Ms. Jones shared information regarding past and upcoming meeting dates of interest to the Board. The Medicaid Physician and Managed Care Liaison Committee had an initial meeting August 22, 2013, and their next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013. Ms. Jones announced the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Committee (MIRC) will have a public comment period on October 15, and full committee meeting on October 21, 2013.

With the arrival of Board member, Ms. Janowski, Dr. Rheuban announced the Board had a quorum, but asked that Director Jones continue with her presentation.

UPDATE ON MEDICAID REFORM

Ms. Jones provided a presentation update on Medicaid Reform in Virginia (attached) and explained the progress to date on the initiatives as previously discussed. She explained that on August 15, 2013, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) submitted a concept paper to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), entitled "Implementing Medicaid Reform in Virginia: A summary of planned reforms for review by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and interested stakeholders.".. The attached document provides an overview of Virginia's current delivery system, summarizes the Federal authority that Virginia currently has in place, and outlines the reforms that the Commonwealth seeks from the Federal Government for the Medicaid program. She stated Virginia would continue to work closely with CMS to develop a plan for the reforms.

A question by Dr. Robertson about the role and purpose of the Virginia Center for Health Innovation (VCHI) mentioned on page 19 of the report prompted a discussion by the Board about this organization.

Dr. Rheuban recognized the arrival of Board Member, Dr. Wynn.

Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2013 Meeting

Dr. Rheuban asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the June 11, 2013 meeting. Dr. Robertson made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Collins-Robinson seconded. The vote was: **7-yes (Collins-Robinson, Ewald, Jankowski, Rheuban, Robertson, Wynn, and Yeskoo); 0-no**

COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (PPACA)

Suzanne Gore, Director of Policy and Research, provided examples of communication materials developed in partnership with the Virginia Department of Social and Services and DMAS regarding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Virginia's Medicaid and FAMIS programs. The materials were designed to provide information about several upcoming federally mandated changes to assist in answering questions from individuals, community partners, and other agencies.

Ms. Gore suggested individuals visit the Cover Virginia website at: www.coverva.org or contact the Cover Virginia Call Center to find out if they are eligible and how and where to apply. This website will provide information about Virginia Medicaid, FAMIS and Plan First programs and explain the benefits these programs will offer for eligible individuals, families and children at low or no cost.

STATUS ON FOSTER CARE CHILDREN TO MANAGED CARE

Adrienne Fegans, Health Care Services' Senior Program Operations Administrator, and Ashley Harrell, Maternal and Child Health Acting Manager, provided an update on the foster care/adoption assistance children currently in the Virginia Medicaid managed care delivery system. In 2011 a pilot was conducted in Richmond City to move foster care children into managed care which was successful. The Governor and the 2012 General Assembly endorsed the expansion of Medicaid managed care to children in foster care and receiving adoption assistance; therefore, regional transitions are being developed for the rest of the state.

Regulatory Activity Summary

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Jones explained the process for submitting a budget request to the Governor and provided a copy of the letter sent to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources supporting the termination of the current 'pend' policy in response to the proposal presented at the Board of Medical Assistance Services (BMAS) meeting on June 11, 2013.

NEWBORN ENROLLMENT

Steven E. Ford, Deputy Director for Administration, stated newborn applications are being successfully processed under the pilot. DMAS is working with the Department of Social Services (DSS) to create a web based module to replicate the pilot so that it can be rolled out statewide with the new eligibility system.

New Business

Dr. Rheuban announced that the Board had received a letter from the Executive Director of the Virginia Association for Home Care and Hospice (VAHC), Marcia Tetterton. Dr. Rheuban asked Karen Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Care and Services, to provide a one minute update and stated this letter would be provided at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Kimsey stated that a petition was sent to the Board by VAHC requesting an amendment to the Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) Waiver regulations. Specifically, the petition requested that the requirement for objective, written documentation be maintained for family members providing services be removed when the family does not live under the same roof as the individual for agency-directed personal care services. Ms. Kimsey assured the Board that the proposed EDCCD Waiver regulation included the requested change and are at the Office of the Attorney General being reviewed. Also, Ms. Kimsey stated auditors have been alerted to this situation so providers would not be penalized.

Dr. Rheuban noted that a copy of the By-Laws were signed and included in the books.

Dr. Rheuban requested that members provide their comments on suggested agenda items for discussion at the next meeting, interest in a Board retreat and/or additional briefing sessions directly to her and copy the Board Secretary.

Adjournment

Dr. Rheuban announced the next meeting on December 10, 2013, and adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.