

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

**December 9, 2014
Minutes**

Present:

Joseph W. Boatwright, III, M.D.
Vice Chair
Michelle Collins-Robinson
Brian Ewald
Maureen Hollowell
Peter R. Kongstvedt, M.D.
McKinley L. Price, D.D.S.
Karen S. Rheuban, M.D.
Chair
Erica L. Wynn, M.D.
Marcia Wright Yeskoo

Absent:

Mirza Baig
Maria Jankowski

DMAS Staff:

Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director for Programs
Brian McCormick, Director of Policy
Elizabeth Guggenheim, Legal Counsel
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications,
Legislation & Administration
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer, Office of
Communications, Legislation & Administration
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications, Legislation & Administration

Speakers:

Linda Nablo, Chief Deputy Director
Suzanne S. Gore, Deputy Director for Administration
Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance
Karen E. Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Care Services
Rebecca Mendoza, Division Director, Maternal & Child Health

Guests:

Tyler Cox, HDJN
Nicole Pugar, Williams Mullen
Rick Shinn, VACHA
Steve Ford, VHCA
Lindsay Walton, Mccaulay & Burtch
Richard Grossman, Vectre Corporation
Robins Cummings, MSV
Sarah Rose Wells, MSV

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Karen S. Rheuban called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves. Then, introductions continued around the room. Dr. Rheuban noted the meeting schedule for 2015: April 14, June 9, September 15 (due to Labor Day holiday on September 7) and December 8.

Dr. Rheuban noted the passing of Stephen Bowman, Senior Staff Attorney with the Joint Commission on Health Care, and stated Mr. Bowman was a champion for the underserved and will be greatly missed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 MEETING

Dr. Rheuban asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the September 9, 2014 meeting. Ms. Collins-Robinson made a motion to accept the minutes and Dr. Boatwright seconded. The vote was unanimous. **7-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Ewald, Kongstvedt, Price, Rheuban, and Yeskoo); 0-no.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Director Cynthia Jones' absence, Dr. Rheuban introduced Ms. Linda Nablo, Chief Deputy Director, to provide the Director's Report.

Ms. Nablo mentioned recent staff changes and congratulated Suzanne Gore and Brian McCormick, who have been hired to fill the positions of Deputy Director for Administration and Policy Director, respectively.

Ms. Nablo briefly discussed several updates and programmatic changes:

- Beginning December 1, 2014, MajestaCare is no longer offered as a managed care health plan for Medicaid members. Individuals who had MajestaCare will continue to have Medicaid and their coverage has been changed to other health plans which are already in place.
- Effective December 1, 2014, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) launched the Health and Acute Care Program (HAP). This new initiative, which affected approximately 2,400 individuals, will allow HAP eligible individuals to receive their primary and acute care services through the managed care delivery model.
- Currently, the Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) program currently has approximately 26,000 enrollees.
- DMAS staff is continuing to work collaboratively with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to redesign the Intellectual Disability (ID) and Individual and Family Development Disability Support (DD) waiver.
- A 2015 initiative will be focused on developing a plan to move the remaining long-term care members into managed care.

UPDATE ON GOVERNOR'S SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 REPORT ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Ms. Suzanne Gore, Deputy Director for Administration, provided highlights and information on the progress of the 10 STEP action plan as delineated in the Governor's *A Healthy Virginia Plan*

implemented on September 1. Some of the needs addressed in the plan include strengthening coverage and access for children, veterans, and pregnant women; capitalizing on innovation opportunities; and optimizing the often fragmented systems of care currently in place. (see attached handout)

THE GOVERNOR'S ACCESS PLAN (GAP) FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL

Ms. Karen Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Care Services, provided information on the Governor's Access Plan (GAP) scheduled to launch in early January of 2015. This is the first step of the 10 point action plan toward *A Healthy Virginia*. If approved by CMS, the GAP §1115 Demonstration Waiver will provide a targeted benefit package for a selected group of uninsured, low income Virginians who have a serious mental illness. (see handout attached).

UPDATE ON MEDICAID FORECAST

Mr. Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance, gave an overview of the current year's budget cycle and the Medicaid budget and forecast for fiscal year 2015 through 2016 (attached). Mr. Crawford stated that once the forecast was completed, the Governor will introduce his proposed budget. The Governor's budget is scheduled to be introduced December 17, 2014.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT TRANSFORMATION

Ms. Nablo presented opening remarks about the evolution of the eligibility process over the last few years. In an effort to improve the overall eligibility system in Virginia, DMAS and the Department of Social Services (DSS) developed a new VaCMS Eligibility and Enrollment System.

Ms. Rebecca Mendoza, Division Director for Maternal and Child Health, provided an overview of the efforts to expand the Cover Virginia Call Center. (see handout attached)

Dr. Boatwright shared comments by several legislators related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid expansion.

2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

Ms. Gore explained the agency legislative process and role during the session. As the agency does not promote legislation, Ms. Gore explained how DMAS staff will inform the Board with weekly updates on major legislation affecting Medicaid during the 2015 General Assembly Session which convenes on January 14, 2015. (see handouts attached)

REGULATORY ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Rheuban asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ewald made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hollowell seconded. The vote was unanimous. **9-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Ewald, Hollowell, Kongstvedt, Price, Rheuban, Wynn, and Yeskoo); 0-no.**