



# MEETING MINUTES

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August 3, 2018  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Location:**

Department of Medical Assistance Services  
600 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
7D Conference Room

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

- Denise Daly Konrad                      Chair of CHIPAC
- Michele Chesser                        Vice Chair of CHIPAC
- Amy Edwards                            Membership Subcommittee Chair
- Ashley Everette                        Member at Large

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

- Sherry Sinkler-Crawley                Member at Large

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

- Hope Richardson, Policy Analyst, Policy Planning and Innovation Division

**Minutes**

Denise Daly Konrad, Chair of CHIPAC, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

**I. CHIPAC Business**

**A. Review and approval of minutes from previous Executive Subcommittee meeting.** Executive Subcommittee members reviewed the minutes from the previous Executive Subcommittee meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2018, Executive Subcommittee meeting without changes, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**B. Membership Subcommittee Update.** Amy Edwards, CHIPAC Membership Chair, provided the membership update. Edwards reported that Dr. Cornelia Deagle, Virginia Department of Health, has agreed to renew her term, which ends in September. Her new three-year term will end September 2021.

Hope Richardson, DMAS, reported that Christine McCormick has agreed to serve the remainder of Stephanie Lynch's two-year term as the representative of Virginia Association of Health Plans (VAHP). Christine's term will end September 2019.

The Executive Subcommittee discussed potential members to fill the vacant spot left by March of Dimes, which will no longer participate in CHIPAC. The bylaws do not require a minimum number of CHIPAC members, aside from the six mandated agency/organizational members. The bylaws set a maximum of 20 members. With March of Dimes' departure, there are now a total of 19 members. Possibilities raised by the group during the discussion were a parent/family representative, a local education agency (LEA) representative, a representative from an organization advocating for the health needs of pregnant/peripartum women, or an organization advocating for the health needs of child/youth immigrant populations. The group agreed to continue the discussion at the next Executive Subcommittee meeting.

- C. Follow-up items from June CHIPAC meeting.** The group discussed the CHIPAC Dashboard and follow-up items from the June full committee meeting.
- (1) The group discussed the DSS Applications Processing section of the dashboard. There is continued interest in streamlining this section of the dashboard and making it more user-friendly. The group decided to postpone action on this item until a future meeting when DSS representation is present.
  - (2) The work of the Eligibility Performance Management group was discussed. Konrad stated that it was possible the productivity statistics being developed by that group might be useful metrics to include in the CHIPAC dashboard. Richardson and Konrad agreed to discuss options with their respective contacts to better understand the timeline for availability of these metrics.
  - (3) Members expressed an ongoing interest in data regarding pregnant women and children/youth receiving the ARTS (Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services) benefit. Richardson will discuss ARTS data with DMAS staff to find out what is being tracked/available to be shared with CHIPAC.
  - (4) Members expressed interest in tracking growth in parent enrollment during the ramp-up of Medicaid expansion. This subject is of interest to the committee because parental health coverage can increase the likelihood of children enrolling in coverage as well as accessing health services. The group is interested in tracking simple metrics to observe any clear relationship between increased parental enrollment and children's enrollment. Richardson stated that she would ask DMAS subject matter experts whether this specific population's enrollment (parents/guardians above the Low-Income Family Category [LIFC] ceiling but below the Medicaid expansion income ceiling of 138 percent FPL) would be tracked and whether that information could be incorporated into the dashboard as expansion is implemented.
  - (5) Konrad noted that DMAS plans to send letters to parents of enrolled children to inform them about Medicaid expansion and asked how DMAS will follow up and track take-up/enrollment in response to this communication.
  - (6) The group agreed that it would be helpful for DMAS representatives to provide a summary of what the enrollment process will be for expansion. Members

indicated that this would be helpful as part of the DMAS update portion of the agenda for the next full CHIPAC meeting.

- D. Letter on “public charge” rule and access to care.** Shelby Gonzales (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities), CHIPAC member, and Konrad are composing a letter to DMAS leadership regarding possible federal changes to the public charge rule, as approved by the Committee at the June full committee meeting. Gonzales and Konrad anticipated that a draft of the letter would be ready for review soon after the Executive Subcommittee meeting and the completed letter could be reviewed by the full committee at the September 13 meeting. The planned letter will call attention to the implications for medical assistance enrollees, and potential enrollees, of a possible broadened interpretation of “public charge” in immigration status determinations. The Committee will highlight the concerns this presents for children’s enrollment and for children’s health during critical developmental years.
- E. Mental health dashboard indicators.** Hope Richardson informed the group that DMAS Policy Planning & Innovation staff are working with DMAS subject matter experts to refine proposed dashboard charts regarding children enrolled in FAMIS and FAMIS Plus with mental health diagnoses. Once internal review is complete, Richardson will share this information with the Mental Health dashboard subcommittee and organize a meeting to discuss the proposed dashboard charts and potential additional mental health indicators for inclusion in the dashboard, specifically data regarding types of mental health services received.
- F. Review of next year’s CHIPAC meetings calendar.** Richardson shared the proposed meeting schedule for 2019. CHIPAC executive subcommittee meetings are typically held on the first Friday of February, May, August, and November while CHIPAC full committee meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of March, June, September, and December. Members reviewed their calendars and did not see any conflicts with the default meeting dates. Richardson stated that she would circulate the list of proposed 2019 meeting dates at the September 13 CHIPAC meeting for the full committee’s review.

## **II. DMAS Update**

Hope Richardson delivered an update from DMAS. She reported that overall medical assistance enrollment was up 0.1% from the prior month as of July 1. She noted that average monthly growth for FAMIS in SFY2018 was very high, at 1.2 percent; higher than in recent years. Children’s enrollment accounted for most of this growth. Enrollment in FAMIS MOMS has remained relatively stable over the course of the past year. As of July 1, there were an estimated 134,671 kids in FAMIS and 1,157 women in FAMIS MOMS.

Richardson stated that DMAS has organized cross-divisional teams that are at work planning for the January 1 rollout of Medicaid expansion in Virginia. Richardson showed members new resources on the CoverVA.org website for advocates, including an Advocates’ Toolkit, printable “New Adult Health Coverage” flyers and posters, presentations, scripts, and application materials. A recorded webinar will be available

online August 9. Additional live webinars will be held as well. The Advocates' Toolkit is available here: <http://www.coverva.org/expansion/advocates.html>

Richardson stated that the rollout of Medallion 4.0 has begun, with an August 1 launch date for the Tidewater region, and will continue with the next regional rollout occurring September 1 for Central Virginia. Member enrollment notices were sent to Tidewater recipients detailing Medallion 4.0 and their ability to choose another health plan if desired. Notices were also sent to members who were reassigned to a new plan in the event their old plan was no longer available.

Richardson announced that the DMAS website was recently redesigned. Richardson also stated that, in addition to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual FAMIS Back to School outreach campaign, DMAS is coordinating with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources' office and the Department of Education on a Back to School (BTS) campaign that will distribute Medicaid expansion consumer flyers into the hands of parents on Back-to-School nights statewide. The flyer will be available in English and Spanish and enough flyers will be printed to distribute at all 1,800+ schools in the state. Richardson stated that DMAS Outreach and Consumer Communications coordinators staffed a booth at the fairgrounds at the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic in Wise, Virginia, July 20-22, to distribute FAMIS materials and information about Medicaid expansion.

Richardson stated that the 2016-17 Birth Outcomes Study has been completed by DMAS' contractor, Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG). The report is available on DMAS' website:  
<http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/files/links/1502/2016%20Birth%20Outcomes%20Focused%20Study.pdf>

### **III. Agenda items for the September 13 Full Committee Meeting**

The committee agreed on the following draft agenda for the Sept. 13 meeting:

#### **1) CHIPAC Business**

##### **a. Dashboard review**

**b. Membership update** – Amy Edwards, Membership Subcommittee Chair

**c. Public charge letter update** – Denise Daly Konrad, CHIPAC Chair, and Shelby Gonzales, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

#### **2) DMAS Update** – DMAS staff

#### **3) DSS Update** – Sherry Sinkler-Crawley, DSS

### **IV. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.