



MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2019
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location:

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

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were present:

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

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were absent:

- Ashley Everette Member at Large

The following DMAS staff members were present:

- Hope Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Planning and Innovation Division
- Will Frank, Senior Advisor for Legislative Affairs

Minutes

Denise Daly Konrad, Chair of CHIPAC, called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

I. CHIPAC Business

- A. Review and approval of minutes from previous Executive Subcommittee meeting.** Executive subcommittee members reviewed the minutes from the April 29, 2019 executive subcommittee meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

- B. Discussion of CHIPAC Meeting Dates for 2020.** The executive subcommittee reviewed proposed meeting dates for full committee and executive subcommittee meetings for 2020. The subcommittee agreed on tentative dates to present to the full committee for review/approval at the September 5 meeting.
- C. Membership Subcommittee Update.** Amy Edwards, Membership Chair, gave an update on CHIPAC membership. The executive subcommittee reviewed information about two potential nominees for CHIPAC membership to fill current vacancies: Victor James of the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and Lisa Specter-Dunaway of Families Forward. Edwards moved that these nominees be presented to the full CHIPAC at the September 5 meeting for a vote on their membership. Daly Konrad seconded, and the executive subcommittee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Edwards stated that she will not be able to attend the September 5 meeting but will send a substitute. Daly Konrad volunteered to give the membership update and preside over votes on new members in Edwards' absence.

The executive subcommittee discussed the composition of the CHIPAC and explored the idea of compiling a list of the types of expertise that would be desirable for the committee, to ensure a well-rounded group with a diverse knowledge base to advise DMAS and the Secretary on relevant topics regarding children's coverage. The list would provide a starting point for discussions in the future when members and member organizations rotate off the committee and new vacancies are created. Suggested areas where expertise might be desirable in future candidates/organizational members include clinical expertise, such as pediatricians and other clinicians; knowledge of immigration policy issues; and knowledge of issues related to pregnancy and prenatal care.

Daly Konrad and Richardson reminded the group that an orientation for new members has not been held recently. Anticipating that there is likely to be a sizable cohort of new members in the future, the group tentatively planned for an orientation to occur prior to the December 5, 2019 full meeting. Richardson stated that she would check to make sure the meeting space is available and invite members to participate in the training. Potential topics for the training and updates to orientation materials were discussed. Richardson stated that she would work on these updates. The group also discussed the possibility of adding a new CHIPAC webpage to the DMAS website: the former page was retired with DMAS' recent website redesign. Richardson stated that she would discuss this with the DMAS website team.

- D. Mental Health Measures Workgroup update.** Richardson gave an update on the Mental Health Measures Workgroup. Richardson stated that a workgroup meeting will be held with DMAS behavioral health subject matter experts and members of the Health Economics and Economic Policy (HEEP) division. The

objective of the meeting is to discuss recent developments, including the Behavioral Health Redesign project and data analysis that is being done in that context. DMAS wishes to align data reports related to the Redesign with requested data to be presented to CHIPAC.

II. DMAS and VDSS Updates

Richardson delivered an update from DMAS. Richardson stated that as of July 31, Virginia had enrolled more than 300,000 newly eligible adults through Medicaid expansion. Nearly two-thirds of new members report going without medical care in the year prior to receiving health coverage. To date, more than 229,100 newly eligible adults went to the doctor, filled a prescription, or received some other health service. Those include 33,000 members with hypertension, 18,800 with diabetes, 16,100 with substance use disorder, and 3,300 with cancer.

Richardson stated that Governor Northam has announced an initiative to eliminate racial inequity in Virginia's maternal mortality rates by the year 2025. His directives to DMAS include working with DSS to implement a process for expediting enrollment for pregnant women eligible for Medicaid, and working with other state agencies to implement the framework for scaling home visiting that was recently endorsed by the Governor's Children's Cabinet. Richardson described DMAS' new initiative called Health Birthday, Virginia -- a goal to ensure that mothers and babies celebrate healthy first birthdays together. The initiative complements the Governor's goal, and DMAS is working collaboratively to develop additional strategies to eliminate racial disparities and improve maternal and birth outcomes. Richardson explained that Medicaid expansion presents a new opportunity for Virginia women with income up to 138% of the federal poverty limit to receive health coverage prior to becoming pregnant and after their baby is born. DMAS and DSS are working on systems changes to ensure that eligible women who are Medicaid members during their pregnancy get moved to Medicaid expansion after their 60-day postpartum coverage period ends.

Richardson reported that the next meeting of the Medicaid Member Advisory Committee (MAC) is on August 26.

Richardson provided a DMAS child enrollment update. She stated that as of July 1, FAMIS monthly enrollment was 72,196. "Medicaid crossover" child enrollment was 66,477, and Medicaid children/FAMIS Plus enrollment was 513,525. FAMIS MOMS enrollment was 1,413. Among FAMIS members, enrollment was up 0.3% among children and 3.3% for pregnant women in July.

VDSS

Sherry Sinkler-Crawley provided an update from VDSS. She reported that VDSS has been in conversation with DMAS' Eligibility and Enrollment team to discuss Virginia's maternal mortality rate and ways to get more women enrolled in Medicaid early in their pregnancies. VDSS is planning to conduct community conversations with

members to better understand barriers faced by pregnant women in applying for Medicaid.

Sinkler-Crawley explained that a systems change will be rolled out later in the month that will cause pregnant women's cases to no longer automatically close after the 60-day postpartum period, but rather for the woman to be auto-enrolled into the expansion group. The eligibility worker will no longer have to take action to manually reevaluate eligibility themselves to prevent the case from automatically closing. Instead, the member will remain enrolled unless they have a change in income that makes them ineligible. The member's renewal date will then be a year from the date they were enrolled as pregnant.

Sinkler-Crawley explained that an additional systems change will occur in September to make sure that children aging out of foster care don't lose coverage. These cases will be auto-enrolled into former foster care instead of auto-closing if not reevaluated.

III. Agenda items for the September 5, 2019 Full Committee Meeting

The subcommittee discussed topics of interest for the upcoming full committee meeting and other future meetings. Members agreed on the following draft agenda for the September 5 Full Committee Meeting.

- 1) CHIPAC Business**
 - a.** Review/approval of minutes from June 6 meeting
 - b.** Discussion/vote on CHIPAC's 2020 meeting dates
 - c.** Membership Subcommittee update: Nominees for membership
 - d.** CHIPAC Dashboard review
- 2) DMAS Update**
 - a.** Children's mental health data update
 - b.** Dental program update
- 3) VDSS Update**
- 4) Family First Prevention Services Act Discussion**
- 5) Agenda for December 5 CHIPAC Meeting**
- 6) Public Comment**

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.