

Meeting of the Board of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Conference Rooms 7A/B
Richmond, Virginia
Tuesday August 27, 2019
10:00 AM

Final Minutes

Present: Karen Rheuban, M.D., Cameron Webb, M.D., Kannan Srinivasan, Maureen S Hollowell, Michael E Cook, Esq., Patricia T Cook, M.D., Raziuddin Ali, M.D., Rebecca E Gwilt, Esq.

Absent: Peter R Kongstvedt, M.D., Alexis Y Edwards, Vilma T Seymour

DMAS Staff Present:

Usha Koduru, Office of the Attorney General
Jennifer Lee, M.D., Director, DMAS
Ivory Banks, Chief of Staff, DMAS
Ellen Montz, Chief Health Economist
Andrea Browman, Program Operations Division Director
Tammy Driscoll
Joanna Fowler
Miriam Siddiqui
Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director of Programs, DMAS
Sarah Broughton
Rachel Pryor, Deputy Director of Administration
Dan Plain, Health Care Services Division Director
Hope Richardson
Chethan Bachireddy, Chief Medical Officer
Brian Campbell
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer
Craig Markva, Office of Communication, Legislation & Administration
Brooke Barlow, Board Liaison

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

2.A June 4, 2019 Minutes

2.A Dr. Rheuban motioned for approval of minutes

Moved by Michael E. Cook, Esq.; seconded by
Raziuddin Ali, M.D. to Approve . Motion Passed: 8 - 0

Voting For: Karen Rheuban, M.D., Cameron Webb, M.D., Kannan Srinivasan, Maureen S. Hollowell, Michael E Cook, Esq., Patricia T Cook, M.D., Raziuddin Ali, M.D., Rebecca E. Gwilt, Esq.

Voting Against: None

3. Director's Report

Dr. Lee began the meeting by providing an overview of the provider survey, DMAS's Mission and Values, a recap of the Healthy Birthday Virginia and the Disparities in Infant Mortality Rates.

4. Member Focused Initiatives Update (DMAS STARS)

Matt Harrison, Program Manager, and Sara Samick, Senior Policy Advisor, provided a recap of the events DMAS staff members have participated in and upcoming events. DMAS STARS' members have participated in eighteen (18) outreach events and have provided assistance to 515 Virginia Citizens. Fifty (50) DMAS employees, across twelve (12) divisions, have participate in events. Currently there are 14 DMAS STARS Partnerships.

5. Finance Report

Tanyea Darrisaw, Budget Division Director, presented a recap of expenditures for the State Fiscal Year 2019. In total DMAS spent \$12 billion, which \$307 million is spent on administrative services which consists of, \$223 million on contractual services and \$84 million on agency operations; \$7 billion to the health plans and \$4.7 billion to Fee For Service.

6. Medicaid Enterprise System (MES) Update

Frank Guinan, Director of the Enterprise Project Management Office (PMO), presented an overview of the Medicaid Enterprise System (MES). In 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) mandated that states with Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS) coming up for renewal, move to modular solutions. DMAS released modular Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in 2016. DMAS has successfully implemented module solutions for Pharmacy Benefit Management and for Encounter Processing Solution. These two applications were certified by CMS in December 2018. MES is about seventy (70%) complete with a targeted June 2020 implementation date.

7. Pharmacy Update

Donna Proffitt, Pharmacy Manager, presented on DMAS's Pharmacy Program. The Drug Benefit under Medicaid is optional. Medicaid programs are required to cover all drugs that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) medically necessary and manufactured by a pharmaceutical company participating in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. The Preferred Drug List (PDL) Program was implemented in January 2004. Decisions regarding the PDL and service authorization criteria are made by DMAS's Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. Medicaid Drug Rebates are federal rebates that are collected on all Fee For Service (FFS) and Managed Care Organization (MCO) Drug Utilization. Supplemental Rebates are collected on select PDL preferred drugs. Both Federal and Supplemental Rebates are shared with the Federal Government according to the State's FMAP. There are \$600 million in drug rebates collected

annually. DMAS MCO's must cover all PDL "preferred drugs". Dean Beauglass presented on strategies to combat the escalating drug spending of which a Cost-Effective Pharmacy Benefit Delivery Model Evaluation was conducted to evaluate and determine the most cost-effective pharmacy benefit delivery model for Virginia Medicaid. The report would be presented to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance on December 1, 2019.

8. Behavioral Health Redesign

Oketa Winn, Acting Behavioral Health Operations Supervisor, presented on the Behavioral Health Redesign. Medicaid is the largest payer of behavioral health services in Virginia. Twenty-eight (28%) percent of Medicaid members had either a primary or secondary behavioral health diagnoses. Virginia is 40th in the country for overall access to mental health care and 41st in the country for mental health workforce supply. Alexis Aplasca, M.D., Chief Clinical Office, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services presented on how the redesign will help to better leverage Medicaid dollars to support cross-secretariat priorities and programs. The Redesign will provide solutions instead of band-aids. The proposed Phase 1 of Implementation in January 2021 will include Partial Hospitalization Program, Intensive Outpatient Program, Program of Assertive Community Treatment, Comprehensive Crisis Services, Multi-systemic Therapy and Functional Family Therapy. These services are high quality, high intensity services that may meet the needs for stepdown from or alternative state psychiatric admission.

9. Regulation Update

10. New Business/Old Business

11. Adjournment

Dr. Rheuban motioned to adjourn.

Moved by Michael E Cook, Esq.; seconded by Kannan Srinivasan to Adjourn.

Motion Passed: 8 – 0 Voting For: Karen Rheuban, M.D., Cameron Webb, M.D., Kannan Srinivasan, Maureen S. Hollowell, Michael E Cook, Esq., Patricia T Cook, M.D., Raziuddin Ali, M.D., Rebecca E. Gwilt, Esq.

Voting Against: None

12. Public Comment