



MEETING MINUTES

CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee Meeting

October 14, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A quorum of the CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee attended the meeting at the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) offices at 600 East Broad Street, Richmond. A Zoom teleconferencing option was also available to allow committee members and the public to attend virtually.

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were present in-person:

- Sara Cariano, Virginia Poverty Law Center Chair
- Emily Griffey, Voices for Virginia's Children Member at Large
- Emily Roller, Virginia Health Care Foundation Member at Large
- Irma Blackwell, Virginia Department of Social Services Member at Large

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members attended virtually:

- Emily King, The Commonwealth Institute Member at Large
(substitute for Freddy Mejia)

The following DMAS staff members were present in-person:

- Hope Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst; Policy, Regulation, and Member Engagement (PRME) Division
- Anna Isler, Policy Analyst and Virginia Management Fellow; PRME

The following DMAS staff members were present virtually:

- Jessica Anecchini, Senior Advisor for Administration

Welcome – Sara Cariano, CHIPAC Chair

Sara Cariano, CHIPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and confirmed a quorum.

I. CHIPAC Business

A. Review and approval of minutes from July 14 Executive Subcommittee meeting

Members reviewed the minutes from the July 14, 2022 Executive Subcommittee meeting. Emily Griffey motioned to approve the minutes, Emily Roller seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

B. Discussion of virtual meetings and remote participation policy

Members discussed the option under the new state legislation to allow remote meeting participation exceptions for personal reasons. Hope Richardson, DMAS, explained that personal exceptions are not included under the Committee policy adopted at the September full committee meeting. Exceptions are allowed for a member's health condition or that of a family member, and for members whose primary residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location. The Subcommittee discussed whether personal exceptions should be added to the policy. No motions were introduced to change the policy at this time.

C. All-virtual meetings schedule for 2022-2023

Members discussed the all-virtual meetings schedule for the remainder of 2022 and for 2023. The Committee can hold a maximum of two fully virtual meetings per year, and these must be nonconsecutive. Cariano proposed the fully virtual meetings be in June and December for the full committee and January and July for the executive subcommittee. Griffey motioned to approve the full committee virtual meeting schedule proposed by Cariano, Roller seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. Roller motioned to approve the proposed executive subcommittee virtual meeting schedule, Griffey seconded, and the subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

D. Discussion of proposed updates to CHIPAC bylaws

Richardson circulated proposed updates to the bylaws. (The proposed changes are appended to the [publicly posted 10/14 meeting agenda](#) on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website.) Griffey motioned to approve the proposed updates with one change – the deletion of “on non-agenda matters” in the first sentence of Section 5, item B. Roller seconded and the subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the changes. The changes will be reviewed at the next full committee meeting.

E. Membership updates/discussion

Richardson stated that there were no membership updates. She proposed that an orientation for new committee members be held in 2023. Cariano suggested that the orientation could be held immediately before the March 2023 in-person full committee meeting.

II. Planning for December 8, 2022 Full Committee Meeting –

Cariano reviewed suggestions for meeting content brought up during the September meeting and throughout the prior year. Richardson discussed the idea of DMAS presenting updated data on well child visits and immunizations, and inviting one or more representatives from the managed care organizations to discuss their efforts to support well child visits and children’s vaccinations.

Members requested that an invitation be extended to DMAS Director Cheryl Roberts and other DMAS senior leadership to attend the meeting and present agency goals.

The possibility of an update on unwinding from the public health emergency (PHE) was also discussed. Jessica Anecchini, DMAS, supported adding an unwinding agenda item but keeping the presentation option flexible based on whether the PHE is extended by the federal government.

Richardson mentioned the possibility of a Cardinal Care update. Cariano recommended that such an update should focus on Cardinal Care program features related to children’s and maternal health care. Roller, Griffey, and Blackwell expressed interest in understanding the effect of the managed care merger on Medicaid and FAMIS members.

The Subcommittee recommended including the following topics on the December 2022 full committee meeting agenda: updated data on child well visits and vaccinations with an update on MCO initiatives; maternal and child health updates including the new community doula benefit and postpartum benefit; an unwinding update, varying in length depending on the status of the PHE; and a potential Cardinal Care update.

III. Public Comment

Cariano invited public comment. A recap of the list of proposed full committee meeting agenda items was requested and provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.