



MEETING MINUTES

CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee

Meeting

April 19, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A quorum of the CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee attended this in-person meeting. A meeting link was posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website to allow the public to attend virtually.

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

- Freddy Mejia, The Commonwealth Institute Chair
- Emily Moore, Voices for Virginia's Children Member at Large

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members attended virtually*:

- Irma Blackwell, Virginia Department of Social Services Member at Large
- *Virtual attendance was approved by Chair since no measures would be voted upon.*

The following DMAS staff were present in-person:

- Emily McClellan, Policy Division Director
- Emily Roller, Senior Management Analyst; Policy Division

Welcome – Freddy Mejia, CHIPAC Chair

Freddy Mejia, CHIPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. CHIPAC Business

A. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting

Members reviewed the minutes from the January 12 Executive Subcommittee meeting. Emily Moore introduced a motion to approve the minutes, Freddy Mejia seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

B. Membership and Officer Updates

Emily McClellan, DMAS staff, noted that a revised CHIPAC member list had been added on the DMAS website, including a note that Emily Moore had joined the Executive Subcommittee. McClellan welcomed Emily Roller as the new DMAS staff responsible for Committee coordination, and announced that with her transition to DMAS, a new CHIPAC new Vice Chair would be voted upon at the June meeting.

McClellan pointed to a biographical sketch for Sarah Stanton, the new CHIPAC representative for the Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC). Since JCHC is a member organization mandated in the Code of Virginia, an election is not needed to confirm Stanton to CHIPAC. McClellan also shared that Kelly Cannon of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association had agreed to renew her CHIPAC membership for another 2-year term.

II. Planning for the June 2024 Full Committee Meeting

The Subcommittee discussed agenda topics for the June full Committee meeting, and moved its date to June 20.

Mejia proposed an orientation/reintroduction to CHIPAC to include its mission, goals, opportunities, and past activities to support DMAS and/or the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) in improving health outcomes for children. McClellan asked whether this should include the full Committee, or only new members. Mejia responded that since more than 1/3 of Committee members are new, all members (both new and returning) should be included. Blackwell agreed, and offered that including returning Committee members would better enable discussion and sharing of perspectives.

McClellan relayed a request from DMAS staff for Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG), DMAS's External Quality Review Organization (EQRO), to present about key findings in the 2022 – 2023 Maternal and Child Health Focus Study Report at the June meeting. The Subcommittee agreed such a presentation would be helpful and timely.

Since the state's return to normal renewal operations ("Unwinding") would be complete by June, Mejia requested a wrap-up presentation to include highlights, lessons learned, and potential next steps relating to children's coverage. Blackwell agreed and suggested a joint DMAS/VDSS presentation.

The Subcommittee requested an update on key children's coverage provisions within the state budget for the new biennium, in anticipation that the renewed budgeting

process will be complete by mid-May. The Subcommittee also decided to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to accommodate a full agenda.

III. General Discussion/Potential Topics for Future Full Committee Meetings

Emily Moore put forward an update on school-based health services for a future meeting, considering confusion surrounding implementations of school-based mental health integration pilots and changes for non-IEP-connected school-based services. Mejia agreed and proposed adding this update to September's meeting, since at that point the budget will be finalized and a new school year underway.

McClellan suggested an overview of annual DMAS Back-to-School outreach efforts, including materials and methods used to reach families, for September's meeting. Moore agreed and recommended adding a presentation by the DMAS Eligibility Policy and Outreach Division about new CMS eligibility and enrollment rulemaking, as provisions go into effect.

IV. Public Comment

Mejia invited public comment. LeVar Bowers praised the work of the CHIPAC and voiced curiosity around how Artificial Intelligence will integrate into operations of DMAS and/or be leveraged in Medicaid/CHIP services. Mejia thanked Mr. Bowers, and agreed upon the importance of the topic and the importance of mitigating bias in its adoption and use.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.