

# MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 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 WebEx 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
 Irma Blackwell, Virginia Department of Social Services
 Emily Roller, Virginia Health Care Foundation
 Freddy Mejia, The Commonwealth Institute
 Chair
 Member at Large
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## The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members attended virtually:

Emily Griffey, Voices for Virginia's Children

Member at Large

# The following DMAS staff members were present in-person:

- Jessica Annecchini, Senior Advisor for Administration
- Hope Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst; Policy, Regulation, and Member Engagement (PRME) Division

## **Welcome**

Sara Cariano, CHIPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Cariano welcomed members and attendance was taken.

#### I. CHIPAC Business

**A.** Review and approval of minutes from previous Executive Subcommittee meeting. Executive Subcommittee members reviewed the minutes from the February 4, 2022 Executive Subcommittee meeting. Freddy Mejia moved to accept the minutes, Emily Griffey seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

**B. Membership update and discussion.** Cariano explained that Lanette Walker has stepped down as Committee Vice Chair and the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association's representative to CHIPAC due to her appointment as CFO of the Health and Human Resources Secretariat. Cariano stated that VHHA has nominated a new representative, Kelly Cannon, Senior Director of VHHA Foundation, to serve on the Committee. Hope Richardson, DMAS Senior Policy Analyst, circulated the candidate's CHIPAC questionnaire response and bio and asked the Executive Subcommittee to consider Cannon's candidacy for membership. Mejia made a motion for the Executive Subcommittee to recommend Cannon to the full committee for membership. Emily Roller seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

Richardson reminded the Executive Subcommittee that the Department of Education's representative to CHIPAC, Quyen Duong, has retired and VDOE is in the process of appointing a new representative to the Committee.

Richardson announced that the following members have recently renewed their membership for another term: Dr. Nathan Webb, Michael Muse, Emily Griffey, Dr. Tegwyn Brickhouse, Shelby Gonzales, Freddy Mejia, Sara Cariano.

Cariano announced that CHIPAC member Emily Roller, representing the Virginia Health Care Foundation, has joined the Executive Subcommittee. She reminded the Subcommittee that with Lanette Walker's departure from the Committee, the Vice Chair position is vacant and the Committee is accepting nominations.

C. DMAS response to member follow-up questions from March meeting.

Cariano announced that DMAS staff collaborated to provide responses to CHIPAC members' follow-up questions from the prior full committee meeting. Richardson shared the compiled written responses with the Executive Subcommittee for review. She explained that the responses would be shared with the full committee prior to the next meeting and asked if there were any additional questions or points that needed further clarification from the Subcommittee.

# II. Planning for the June 9, 2022 Full Committee Meeting and meetings for the remainder of 2022

Richardson explained that in response to feedback from the Committee, for the upcoming meeting, the agenda was streamlined to remove the formal DMAS and VDSS updates. Instead, the agenda will focus on the topical presentations that are planned and build in additional time for Committee questions and discussion.

Jessica Annecchini, DMAS Senior Advisor for Administration, stated that DMAS is planning other more targeted opportunities for disseminating information about potential updates to the unwinding plan and the public health emergency to stakeholders, so this will not be included as an item on the agenda for June. Rather,

Committee members would be directed to other upcoming events for opportunities to learn specifically about the unwinding process.

The Subcommittee discussed agenda topics for the June 9 CHIPAC meeting. The members discussed agenda items with the theme of new policy initiatives and program changes that would be implemented July 1, 2022 or in the new state fiscal year. Members proposed including in the meeting agenda an update on school-based health services, information about the new Medicaid doula benefit and 12 month extended postpartum coverage, and information about operational improvements to emergency services processes.

The Subcommittee proposed the following draft agenda for the June 9 Full Committee Meeting:

- **1)** Welcome
- 2) CHIPAC Business
  - **a.** Review/approval of minutes from prior meeting
  - **b.** Membership update
- 3) DMAS New Policy Initiatives & Program Changes (July 1 and FY23)
  - **a.** School-Based Health Services: Expanded Medicaid Reimbursement (Rebecca Anderson)
  - **b.** Doula Benefit & 12 Months Postpartum (Natasha Turner, Hope Richardson)
  - **c.** Emergency Services Changes (Cindy Olson, Tiaa Lewis)
- 4) Committee Discussion of Legislative & Policy Priorities
- 5) Agenda for next CHIPAC Meeting
- 6) Public Comment

The Subcommittee discussed soliciting input from CHIPAC members prior to the meeting on legislative and policy priorities related to child health. The possibility of a survey ranking policy priorities, to assist in kicking off committee discussion, was discussed.

The Subcommittee discussed potential topics for future meetings in 2022. The theme of behavioral health was proposed for the September 1 meeting and a focus on data updates was proposed for the December 8 meeting. The Subcommittee agreed that it would be important to continue to ensure presentations are streamlined enough to allow time for committee discussion.

#### **IV.** Public Comment

Public comment was invited. There was no public comment.

#### Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.