

**Meeting of the
Board of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, Virginia**

September 15, 2009

Minutes

Present:

Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D.
(Vice-Chair)
Patsy Ann Hobson
Kay C. Horney
Barbara H. Klear
Manikoth G. Kurup, M.D.
Robert D. Voogt, Ph.D. (Chair)
Michael Walker

By phone:

Absent:

Phyllis L. Cothran
Kit Gordon
William L. Murray, Ph.D.
David Sylvester

DMAS Staff:

Cheryl J. Roberts, Deputy Director of Operations
Scott Crawford, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration
Steve Ford, Director, Policy and Research Division
Elizabeth McDonald, Legal Counsel
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications &
Legislative Affairs
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs

Speakers:

Patrick W. Finnerty, Director
Cynthia B. Jones, Chief Deputy Director
Terry Smith, Director, Long-Term Care Division

Guests:

Dave Evan, Schering-Plough
Jennifer Faison, Virginia Community Services Board
Joe Lamantia, Elan Pharmaceuticals
Ed Nicely, Virginia Community Services Board
Evonne Stellato, Allergan
Michael Tweedy, Department of Planning & Budget
Charles Whyte, Vectre

Call to Order

Dr. Robert D. Voogt, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. after a quorum was met. Dr. Voogt thanked Dr. Harris for chairing the June meeting and noted that this meeting is not being held at one of his facilities as stated in the June meeting minutes. After opening remarks, the other Board members introduced themselves and the introductions continued around the room by DMAS staff and guests.

Mr. Finnerty commented and explained the recent cost savings initiative that executive branch agencies will not pay per diems to citizen members of boards and commission; however, we will continue to reimburse Board members for their travel expenses.

Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2009 Meeting

Dr. Voogt asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the June 9, 2009 meeting. The vote was unanimous **6-yes (Harris, Klear, Horney, Kurup, Voogt, and Walker); 0-no.**

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM UPDATE – IMPACT ON MEDICAID

Mr. Patrick Finnerty, Director, gave an update on the current status of the health care provisions that deal directly with Medicaid before Congress. He briefly explained the three proposals and emphasized that it is too early to tell which provisions might make it, but many current provisions would have substantial impacts on the Medicaid and CHIP programs.

There was discussion and questions by the Board.

RECENT BUDGET CUTS

In response to the revenue downturn experienced by the Commonwealth in FY 2009 and anticipated to continue in FY 2010, Governor Kaine proposed budget balancing actions to address the revenue shortfall which was presented in his FY 2010 Reduction Plan report on September 8, 2009. Mr. Finnerty discussed the individual items in his plan that specifically affect the Medicaid program for this fiscal year; however, further reductions will also be reviewed for the next biennium.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES/MENTAL RETARDATION (ID/MR)WAIVER WAITING LIST STUDY

Ms. Cindi Jones, Chief Deputy, gave highlights of the waiver waiting list study which is intended to eliminate the waiting lists pursuant to the Mental Retardation Medicaid Waiver and the Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities and Support Medicaid Waiver (Chapters 228/303, 2009 Acts of Assembly). The final report is due to the Governor and General Assembly on October 1, 2009.

UPDATE ON THE VIRGINIA GOLD PROGRAM

Ms. Terry Smith, Director of the Long-Term Care Division, gave a brief overview of the Virginia Gold Quality Improvement Program (QIP) which was designed to enhance the quality of care in select nursing facilities. Virginia Gold will be used to fund innovative projects by using civil money penalty funds to improve staff recruitment and retention. Grants have been initiated to five facilities that were selected to participate.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Regulatory Activity Summary

The Regulatory Activity Summary is included in the Members' books to review at their convenience.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Dr. Voogt noted the next meeting will be December 8. Dr. Harris motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Ms. Klear seconded. The vote was **7-yes (Harris, Hobson, Klear, Horney, Kurup, Voogt, and Walker); 0-no**. Dr. Voogt thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.