

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

December 14, 2010

Draft Minutes

Present:

Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D.
(Chair)
Joseph W. Boatwright, III, M.D.
Patsy Ann Hobson
William L. Murray, Ph.D.
John C. Napolitano
J. Mott Robertson, Jr., M.D.
Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.
Michael Walker

Absent:

Phyllis L. Cothran
Kay C. Horney
Barbara H. Klear

DMAS Staff:

Cheryl J. Roberts, Deputy Director of Operations
Jennifer Gobble, Legal Counsel
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications &
Legislative Affairs
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications & Legislative Affairs

Speakers:

Scott Crawford, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration
Terry Smith, Director, Long-Term Care Division
Tammy J. Whitlock, Manager, Maternal & Child Health
Division

Guests:

Tyler Cox, HDJN
Chris Whyte, Vectre

Call to Order

Dr. Monroe E. Harris, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. after a quorum was met. Dr. Harris asked the other Board members to introduce themselves and the introductions continued around the room by DMAS staff and guests. The Chair welcomed recently appointed member, Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.

Dr. Harris announced the dates for the 2011 meetings: March 8, June 14, September 13 and December 13.

Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2010 Meeting

Dr. Harris asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting. Dr. Robertson made a motion to accept the minutes and Dr. Murray seconded. The vote was unanimous. **7-yes (Harris, Hobson, Murray, Napolitano, Robertson, Taylor and Walker); 0-no.**

EARLY INTERVENTION MEDICAID INITIATIVE

Tammy Whitlock, Maternal and Child Health Division Manager, gave a detailed review of the Early Intervention (EI) Program. Early intervention services are developmental supports and services that are performed in natural environments, including home and community based settings in which children without disabilities participate, to the maximum extent possible. Ms. Whitlock shared program reimbursement changes related to Part C and other program enhancements as a result of the work of the EI Task Force which led to the implementation of the program on October 1, 2009. Virginia received national recognition for the work done on this project and the coordination of Medicaid/FAMIS and Part C funds to increase the ability of the program to reach more children.

PROGRAM FOR ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (PACE)

Terry Smith, Director of Long-Term Care Division, gave an overview of the PACE program and the status of the seven sites operating in Virginia which are serving over 600 individuals. PACE anticipates developing four new programs and expanding three sites with the potential of serving over 2,500 individuals by 2015. In April 2010, Virginia received the State Distinguished Service Award presented by the National PACE Association in appreciation for efforts to successfully develop and launch the PACE program in the Commonwealth.

There was discussion and questions by the Board.

MEDICAID FORECAST

Scott Crawford, Deputy Director of Administration and Finance, gave an overview of the current year's budget cycle and the Medicaid budget and forecast for fiscal year 2011 through 2012. Mr. Crawford stated that once the forecast is completed, then the Governor will introduce his proposed budget. The Governor's budget is scheduled to be introduced on December 17, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Regulatory Activity Summary

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

New Business

Dr. Robertson requested an update on the Virginia Health Reform Initiative (VHRI), that the Board be updated on potential legislation, and inquired how the transition from First Health to ACS fared for providers. These issues will be addressed at the next meeting of the Board.

Adjournment

Having no other business, Dr. Harris adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.