

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

**September 13, 2016
Minutes**

Present:

Mirza Baig
Cara L. Coleman, JD, MPH
Michael H. Cook, Esq.
Alexis Y. Edwards
Maureen Hollowell
Maria Jankowski, Esq.
Peter R. Kongstvedt, MD
McKinley L. Price, DDS
Karen S. Rheuban, MD
Chair

Absent:

Rebecca E. Gwilt, Esq.
Marcia Wright Yeskoo

DMAS Staff:

Suzanne Gore, Deputy Director for Administration
Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director for Programs
Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance
Karen Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Services
Ivory Banks, Program Operations Division Director
Donna Proffitt, Pharmacy Manager
Kathleen Guinan, Human Resources Director
Mukundan Srinivasan, Chief Information Officer
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer, Office of
Communications, Legislation & Administration
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications, Legislation & Administration

Speakers:

Cynthia B. Jones, Director
Kate Neuhausen, MD, MPH
Abrar Azamuddin, Legal Counsel

Guests:

Jennifer Wicker, VHHA
Tyler Cox, HDJN
Lauren Bates Ronu, MSV
Julie Galloway, MSV
Ross Arrington, MSV
Rick Shinn, VACHA
Kenneth McCabe, DPB
Cecelia Kirkman, SEIU Healthcare
Chris Surrell, VHC
Rebecca Miller, VHC
Hunter Jamerson, Macaulay & Jamerson

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Karen S. Rheuban called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Dr. Rheuban asked other members to introduce themselves and introductions continued around the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 14, 2016 MEETING

Dr. Rheuban asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the June 14, 2016 meeting. Dr. Kongstvedt made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Cook seconded. The vote was **7-yes (Coleman, Cook, Hollowell, Jankowski, Kongstvedt, Price, and Rheuban); and 0-no.**

Ms. Edwards joined the meeting after the vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STATUS OF KEY PROJECTS

Ms. Cynthia B. Jones, Director of DMAS, briefly commented on the status of the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) on the Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS), the Medicaid Enterprise System (MES) and the Medallion 3.0 managed care contract and noted the ID/DD Waiver Redesign was implemented on September 1.

Ms. Jones asked the Deputy Director for Administration, Suzanne Gore, to provide an update on the BMAS Biennial Report due to the General Assembly in October. After Board discussion, it was agreed a draft of the report will be distributed to the Board for review and comment and then a conference call meeting to discuss the report would be established one week after distribution. It was also suggested the Board develop a cover letter which could include information such as the Board's support of Medicaid expansion for review and consideration.

Mr. Baig joined the meeting during this presentation.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Ms. Jones introduced and welcomed Dr. Kate Neuhausen. Dr. Neuhausen gave a detailed review of the newly created Office of the Chief Medical Officer and explained the role of the Medical Support Unit (MSU), and the Pharmacy Program. Dr. Neuhausen also gave highlights of several clinical and pharmacy innovations and shared the various DMAS and external committees and workgroups the Office is involved with. (see attached handout).

In light of the public health emergency imposed by the Zika virus and the need to speedily address the likelihood of Zika transmission to Virginia Medicaid and FAMIS enrollees, Dr. Neuhausen explained the recent intervention of DMAS to contact the Governor on behalf of the Board to request the approval to promulgate Emergency regulations to provide necessary coverage to the population most affected by this emergency.

Members were very engaged in discussions of the various pharmacy programs and interested in discussing these issues at a future meeting. Members were also encouraged to attend the

upcoming Pharmacy & Therapeutic (P&T) Committee and/or Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board meetings scheduled in October/November.

PLANNING FOR A BOARD RETREAT/ BACKGROUND: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BMAS

Dr. Rheuban initiated the discussion planning for a Board retreat by asking Legal Counsel, Mr. Azamuddin, to provide a discussion of the role of the Board. Mr. Azamuddin provided a brief discussion of the role of the Board by pointing out specific areas of Section 32.1-325 for the Board to focus on and consider in their deliberations in planning for a retreat. Ms. Jones informed the Board that the Budget Bill was also a large part of the agency direction and a copy of the DMAS section in the budget was included in books for reference.

After members discussed expectations for planning for a retreat and offered suggestions, it was agreed to set a separate date/time for the retreat (in addition to the December meeting) in November.

Ms. Edwards left the meeting during this discussion.

REGULATORY ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Rheuban asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Dr. Kongstvedt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Cook seconded. The vote was unanimous. **7-yes (Baig, Coleman, Cook, Hollowell, Jankowski, Kongstvedt, and Rheuban); and 0-no.**