

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

**December 8, 2015  
Minutes**

**Present:**

Brian Ewald  
Michael H. Cook, Esq.  
Alexis Y. Edwards  
Maureen Hollowell  
Karen S. Rheuban, M.D.  
Chair  
Erica L. Wynn, M.D.  
Marcia Wright Yeskoo

**Absent:**

Mirza Baig, Vice Chair  
Maria Jankowski  
Peter R. Kongstvedt, M.D.  
McKinley L. Price, D.D.S.

**DMAS Staff:**

Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director for Programs  
Abrar Azamuddin, Legal Counsel  
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications,  
Legislation & Administration  
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  
Linda Nablo, Chief Deputy Director  
Suzanne Gore, Deputy Director for Administration  
Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance  
Karen E. Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Care Services  
Terry Smith, Division Director, Long-Term Care

**Guests:**

Cecelia Kirkman, SEIU  
W. Scott Johnson, First Choice Consulting, LLC  
Rick Shinn, VA Community Healthcare Association  
Nicole Pugar, Williams Mullen  
Lindsay Berry, Anthem  
Hunter Jamerson, Macaulay & Burtch, PC  
Richard Grossman, VECTRE  
Anne Beven, DMAS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Karen S. Rheuban called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Other members were asked to introduce themselves and introductions continued around the room. Dr. Rheuban requested members to submit their Conflict of Interest Training and disclosures if they have not already done so. Dr. Rheuban also announced the proposed meeting schedule for 2016: April 12, June 14, September 13 and December 13.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING**

Dr. Rheuban asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the September 8, 2015 meeting. Ms. Hollowell made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Ewald seconded. The vote was unanimous. **6-yes (Cook, Edwards, Ewald, Hollowell, Rheuban, and Yeskoo); 0-no.**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STATUS OF KEY PROJECTS**

Ms. Cynthia B. Jones, Director of DMAS, welcomed members and shared highlights of accomplishments during 2016 and briefly shared highlights of the four major initiatives being focused on for the future of Medicaid: Managed Long Term Services & Supports (MLTSS), Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP), MMIS Reprourement, and Medicaid Expansion.

### **ELECTRONIC PREADMISSION SCREENING (E-PAS) PROGRAM UPDATE**

In response to legislation passed by the 2014 General Assembly and 2015 budget language requesting DMAS report on the progress of meeting the requirements for completion of preadmission screenings (PAS) within 30 days of an individual's request for screening, Terry Smith, Division Director for Long-Term Care, provided a report on the timeliness of achieving this goal. DMAS has automated this process and is now collecting daily data on this new electronic system called ePAS which is used to track requests and identify jurisdictions unable to complete screenings within 30 days of a request. The goal is to have assessments completed in a timely manner by all assessors. (See attached handout)

Dr. Wynn joined the meeting during this presentation.

### **WAIVER REDESIGN REPORT**

Karen Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Care, provided an overview of the steps taken in cooperation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to redesign the Medicaid Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waivers. The report was submitted to CMS in November; the waiver amendments were submitted in December. The full report will be posted on Reports to the General Assembly (<http://lis.virginia.gov>). (See attached handout)

### **UPDATE ON MEDICAID FORECAST**

Mr. Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance, gave an overview of budget actions since the 2015 General Assembly Session. Mr. Crawford explained this budget forecast includes the past

three biennial budget sessions FY 2016-2018 and explained how various factors affect the forecasting process. The Governor's budget is expected to be released on December 17. (See attached handout)

Ms. Yeskoo left the meeting.

### **2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION/1115 WAIVER – DSRIP/MLTSS**

Ms. Suzanne Gore, Deputy Director for Administration, explained the agency legislative process and role during the session. As the agency does not promote legislation, Ms. Gore explained how DMAS staff will inform the Board with weekly updates on major legislation affecting Medicaid during the 2016 General Assembly Session which convenes on January 12, 2016.

Ms. Gore provided information regarding Virginia's efforts to seek waiver authority to combine two initiatives (MLTSS and DSRIP) into one comprehensive waiver to assist in streamlining the administration of the waiver. Both initiatives are available on line for review and public comments are requested. (See attached handout)

### **REGULATORY ACTIVITY SUMMARY**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Rheuban presented a draft version of a letter to the Governor in support of the expansion of the Medicaid program. After discussion, Dr. Rheuban made a motion to forward a letter to the Governor and members of the General Assembly and Mr. Cook seconded. The vote was **6-yes (Cook, Edwards, Ewald, Hollowell, Rheuban, and Wynn); 0-no.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Rheuban asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Mr. Ewald made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hollowell seconded. The vote was **6-yes (Cook, Edwards, Ewald, Hollowell, Rheuban, and Wynn); 0-no.**