

Name of Meeting: Pharmacy Liaison Committee

Date of Meeting: July 15, 2021

Length of Meeting: 1 hour and 25 minutes

Location of Meeting: Electronic Meeting

Committee Members Present:

William Droppleman, Virginia Association of Chain Drug Stores (VACDS)
Christina Barrille, Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA)
Alexander M. Macaulay, EPIC Pharmacies
Richard Grossman, PhRMA
Bill Hancock, Long Term Care Pharmacy Coalition
David Christian, Virginia Community Healthcare Association

DMAS Staff Present:

Ellen Montz, PhD, Chief Deputy
Chethan Bachireddy, MD, CMO
MaryAnn McNeil, RPh, Pharmacy Manager
Rachel Cain, PharmD
Andrew Mitchell
Ivory Banks, Chief of Staff
Cheryl Roberts, JD, Deputy of Programs and Operations
Ashley Harrell, LCSW
Kiara Jasper, MHA, CPhT
Nettie Emmelhainz, PharmD

Other Attendees:

Total number of attendees was 49 including representatives from pharmaceutical companies, providers, advocates, associations, etc.

Introductions

MaryAnn McNeil welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of her professional background. Electronic meeting format and procedures were reviewed. Ms. McNeil took a roll call of the Committee members. Dr. Bachireddy, CMO, made opening remarks praising Ms. McNeil on her new role as pharmacy manager. Dr. Montz, Chief Deputy, thanked the members of the PLC and the DMAS team for their thoughtful and continued service.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 2020

Ms. McNeil asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the draft meeting minutes from December 2020. With none noted, Mr. Macaulay motioned to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Christian seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

COVID-19 Updates, Immunization Administration Fees and Vaccine For Children Program

Ms. McNeil gave a brief update of the COVID-19 public health emergency in Virginia and efforts which were made to provide the best of care to the Medicaid population.

Cheryl Roberts, JD, Deputy of Programs and Operations, asked the members of the committee for their ideas and thoughts on communicating with Virginians and organizing resources to provide continuity of care.

Dr. Emmelhainz gave an update on the immunizations. Pharmacists have been invaluable for COVID vaccine administration. On line claims processing of the COVID vaccine began in December, 202. She noted that the platform for pharmacies point of sale claims processing to bill begins Oct.1, 2021.for the General Assembly mandated vaccines.

2021 General Assembly Updates

Ms. McNeil gave a brief overview of new polices. There was much discussion surrounding 12 month contraceptives, immunizations, and the 90 day supply policy. DMAS submitted a SPA with a 90 day maintenance list. The 90 day supply list is expected to effective October 1, 2021.

General Assembly Pharmacy Reports

Dr. Emmelhainz will be working on the Transparency Report again this year. Dr. Cain will be doing the Drug Utilization Review Report for the General Assembly.

Next meeting

The next PLC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2021 10AM-12PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.