



MEETING MINUTES

CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee Meeting

July 14, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A quorum of the CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee attended the meeting at the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) offices at 600 East Broad Street, Richmond. A WebEx teleconferencing option was also available to allow Committee members and the public to attend virtually.

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were present in-person:

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| • Sara Cariano, Virginia Poverty Law Center | Chair |
| • Emily Griffey, Voices for Virginia's Children | Member at Large |
| • Emily Roller, Virginia Health Care Foundation | Member at Large |
| • Freddy Mejia, The Commonwealth Institute | Member at Large |

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members attended virtually:

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| • Irma Blackwell, Virginia Department of Social Services | Member at Large |
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The following DMAS staff members were present in-person:

- Hope Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst; Policy, Regulation, and Member Engagement (PRME) Division

The following DMAS staff members were present virtually:

- Jessica Anecchini, Senior Advisor for Administration
- Laura Reed, Behavioral Health Senior Program Advisor

Welcome

Sara Cariano, CHIPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Cariano welcomed members and attendance was taken.

I. CHIPAC Business

A. Review and approval of minutes from previous Executive Subcommittee meeting

Executive Subcommittee members reviewed the minutes from the May 6, 2022 Executive Subcommittee meeting. Emily Roller moved to approve the minutes, Freddy Mejia seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

B. Proposed meeting schedule for 2023

The Subcommittee discussed proposed dates for the 2023 quarterly CHIPAC meetings. The Full Committee will review and approve the final 2023 meeting schedule at the September 1 meeting. Hope Richardson, DMAS staff, explained that Full Committee meetings ordinarily take place on the first Thursday of the respective quarter, in March, June, September, and December. For 2023, these meeting dates would be March 2, June 1, September 7, and December 7.

Executive Subcommittee meetings ordinarily take place on the first Friday of the respective quarter. Richardson stated that to create additional planning time before each Full Committee meeting, DMAS was proposing to move quarterly Executive Subcommittee meetings approximately one month earlier, to a quarterly schedule of January, April, July, and October. Richardson explained that because of holidays and other scheduling conflicts, proposed dates for some of the Executive Subcommittee meetings were a different day of the month rather than the first Friday.

Richardson asked Executive Subcommittee members to check the proposed meeting dates and flag any potential scheduling conflicts. The Executive Subcommittee discussed potential dates for the January Executive Subcommittee meeting to best align with the General Assembly session.

Finally, the Committee discussed a proposed date change for the final CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee meeting of 2022 to shift the meeting up one month to October. The final meeting date will be announced on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website.

C. Membership update and discussion

Cariano requested a membership update. Richardson stated that a large number of members recently renewed their terms, but as of the meeting date, no additional member terms are currently up for renewal in the near future. Richardson reminded Subcommittee members that the Vice Chair position is still vacant, and that the membership count is at 19 members, meaning there is room for one more member on the Full Committee. Richardson invited those with suggestions for new members or member organizations to submit nominations for consideration by the Executive

Subcommittee.

II. Proposed agenda for the September 1, 2022 Full Committee Meeting

Cariano reviewed suggestions for meeting content brought up during the June 9 Full Committee meeting. Suggestions included updates on the Safe and Sound Task Force recommendations, Project BRAVO, crisis services, state budget updates, and children's immunization statistics (general and COVID-19).

Richardson recommended narrowing down the topics to ensure that the meeting remains centered on the chosen theme of behavioral health, with sufficient time for committee questions and discussion. Cariano suggested circulating a document via email with a summary of the final Appropriations Act DMAS/Medicaid provisions related to children's health. To streamline the September meeting agenda, this document could be provided at or before the meeting in lieu of a presentation.

The Subcommittee discussed how to structure the Behavioral Health presentations for the September 1 meeting. Emily Griffey stated that areas of interest related to children's behavioral health include prevalence, accessibility, and services provided, and these categories could help structure the meeting's discussion and themes for potential policy recommendations. Griffey stated that any behavioral health data from during and after the COVID-19 pandemic that sheds light on the pandemic's impact on behavioral health utilization and access, including disparities by race/ethnicity, would be of particular interest. Griffey added that data on crisis response services is also particularly timely with the national 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline rolling out.

Richardson explained that the idea for a meeting centered on children's behavioral health arose from meetings of a CHIPAC workgroup that has met with DMAS staff over the past several years to learn more about Medicaid and FAMIS behavioral health data. The workgroup has looked at utilization data, HEDIS measures specific to mental health services for children and youth, and has previewed the DMAS behavioral health dashboard. The group requested a full committee meeting with a behavioral health theme to include sharing these data and other updates with the broader committee.

Laura Reed, Behavioral Health Senior Program Advisor, DMAS, explained that it has been approximately a year since the initial implementation of Project BRAVO. She stated that the broader update could include the crisis system and the status of that work, potentially with input from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). Reed stated that the DMAS Behavioral Health team could also discuss future phases of Project BRAVO. She explained that the rate study for phase 2 of Project BRAVO did not make it into the budget; however, the Behavioral Health team could discuss what potential plans for Phase 2 might look like, given that Phase 2 has substantial components affecting children and youth.

Reed stated that the DMAS Behavioral Health dashboard is the result of a collaboration between Behavioral Health and ODA and provides a starting point for the agency and

broader stakeholder community to ask relevant questions and identify future quality measures to gauge the success of Project BRAVO. She stated that the Dashboard could be a useful tool and starting point to describe HEDIS and other behavioral health data.

Sarah Cariano asked if the group had suggestions for explaining measures and information displayed on the dashboard when presenting to the full committee. She suggested showing disparity data, as this has been an ongoing point of interest in past meetings. Griffey agreed that this, along with highlighting major disparities and changes in trends, would be beneficial to the presentation. Freddy Mejia stated that another area of interest for the September meeting or a future meeting might be the issue of language access in behavioral health services, such as reports of difficulty accessing language interpretation services through the Community Services Boards (CSBs).

Griffey stated that it would be valuable to have the engagement and perspective of youth during the discussion and raised the possibility of inviting young people engaged with Voices for Virginia's Children to attend the meeting.

Laura Reed added that Committee members should explore the dashboard before the meeting and submit questions or areas of particular interest in advance of the meeting.

The Executive Subcommittee decided on the following draft agenda for the Sept. 1 full committee meeting:

- 1) CHIPAC Business
 - a. Review/approval of minutes from June 9 meeting
 - b. Review/approval of CHIPAC meeting schedule for 2023
 - c. Membership update
- 2) Behavioral Health – DMAS Policy and Data Updates
 - a. Project BRAVO update with focus on youth/children
 - b. Behavioral Health Dashboard overview
 - c. Current data on behavioral health diagnoses and utilization for children and youth
- 3) Committee discussion
- 4) Agenda for next CHIPAC meeting
- 5) Public comment

Finally, the subcommittee discussed advance planning for the December 8, 2022 full committee meeting. Topics suggested included HEDIS data updates and other DMAS child and maternal health data updates from the Office of Quality and Population Health (QPH), Health Economics and Economic Policy (HEEP), and the Office of Data Analytics (ODA); a potential update from the Infant Well Child Visit affinity group on

DMAS' collaboration with the managed care organizations to improve well child visit and immunization rates in young children; an update on the Cardinal Care initiative; an update on the FAMIS Prenatal Coverage program and on the progress of doula enrollment; and discussion of committee priorities going into the General Assembly session. Cariano suggested other topics including an update on COVID-19 vaccinations and an update on the COVID-19 public health emergency and unwinding. The subcommittee discussed potentially focusing the meeting on the issue of uninsured children in Virginia and policies, including state-funded options, to expand coverage to all children.

Cariano provided an update on the Committee's letter to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the DMAS Director with policy recommendations for the next General Assembly session. She stated that the letter would be sent the following week.

IV. Public Comment

Public comment was invited. There was no public comment.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.