

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

April 8, 2014

Minutes

Present:

Joseph W. Boatwright, III, M.D.
Vice Chair
Michelle Collins-Robinson
Kay C. Horney
Karen S. Rheuban, M.D.
Chair
J. Mott Robertson, Jr. M.D.
Erica L. Wynn, M.D.
Marcia Wright Yeskoo

Absent:

Brian Ewald
Maria Janowski
Two vacant positions

DMAS Staff:

Linda Nablo, Chief Deputy Director
Cheryl J. Roberts, Deputy Director for Operations
Elizabeth Guggenheim, Legal Counsel
Paula Margolis
Tammy Driscoll
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
Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance
Steven E. Ford, Deputy Director for Administration
Karen E. Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Care and
Services
Rebecca Mendoza, Division Director for Maternal and Child
Health

Guests:

Jennifer Lee, MD, HHR Deputy Secretary
W. Scott Johnson, First Choice Consulting
Rick Meidlidger, Johnson & Johnson
Beth Condyles, Anthem Healthkeepers
Terry Hurley, CRI
Tucker Obenshain, MWC
Don Perry, Avysion Healthcare

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Dr. Rheuban without a quorum. Dr. Rheuban asked members to introduce themselves. Then, introductions continued around the room. She requested that members sign their Transactional Disclosure Statements and complete their travel reimbursement vouchers in their binders. She announced the change in the June meeting from

June 10 to June 17; therefore, the remaining meetings for 2014 are June 17, September 9 and December 9.

Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2013 Meeting

With the arrival of additional members, Dr. Rheuban announced a quorum was present and Dr. Rheuban asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting. Dr. Robertson made a motion to accept the minutes and Dr. Boatwright seconded. The vote was unanimous. **7-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Horney, Rheuban, and Robertson, Wynn, and Yeskoo); 0-no.**

Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman

Dr. Rheuban then turned the meeting over to Ms. Jones for the election process. Ms. Jones noted that the Board bylaws require the election of officers for the Board the first meeting after March 1st of each year. She opened the floor to accept nominations for Chair and stated current officers were willing to continue to serve.

Ms. Horney made a motion to nominate Dr. Rheuban as Chair and Dr. Robertson seconded. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed. The vote to elect Dr. Rheuban as Chair was **7-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Horney, Rheuban, Robertson, Wynn and Yeskoo); 0-no.**

Ms. Jones opened the floor to accept nominations for Vice Chair. Dr. Rheuban made a motion to nominate Dr. Boatwright and Ms. Yeskoo seconded. Hearing no other nomination, the nominations were closed. The vote to elect Dr. Boatwright as Vice Chairman was **7-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Horney, Rheuban, Robertson, Wynn, and Yeskoo); 0-no.**

Selection of Secretary

Ms. Jones then opened the floor to accept nominations for Board Secretary. Ms. Collins-Robinson made a motion to accept Mamie White as Board Secretary and Dr. Boatwright seconded. The vote to elect Ms. White as Secretary was **7-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Horney, Rheuban, Robertson, Wynn and Yeskoo); 0-no.**

Dr. Rheuban noted two members were up for reappointment and announced there were two vacancies (Taylor and Darden). Ms. Jones stated that while the Governor is moving toward making his gubernatorial appointments, the requirement to appoint members with audit experience has made it difficult to select appointees for the vacant positions. Once positions are filled, Dr. Rheuban advised there would be a Medicaid 101 session.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND STATUS OF KEY PROJECTS

Ms. Jones recognized Jennifer Lee who will be working with Dr. Hazel. She also introduced recently appointed DMAS Chief Deputy, Linda Nablo. Ms. Jones provided a brief update on the current status of the three phases of the Medicaid reform goals as discussed in previous BMAS meetings. Ms. Jones provided brief comments related to closing the coverage gap in Virginia. See attached handout.

2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET ACTIONS DMAS MEDICAID PROGRAM

Mr. Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance, gave an overview of the current status of the General Assembly budget actions since the last update at the December BMAS Meeting. The Virginia General Assembly adjourned sine die for the 2014 Regular Session on March 8, 2014. This is not the final action as the Governor would make his recommendations to this budget during the reconvened session on April 23, 2014. See attached handout.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE- REGULAR SESSION ACTIONS

Mr. Steven Ford, Deputy Director for Administration, provided an overview of the relevant bills (see attached) being tracked during the 2014 General Assembly Session which could potentially have an impact on DMAS. See attached handout.

COMMONWEALTH COORDINATED CARE UPDATE

Karen Kimsey, Deputy Director for Complex Care Services, gave an update on the progress of the Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) program. This program for dual eligibles allows individuals to change from one health plan to another at any time or opt-out of the program and return to traditional Medicare and Medicaid. She also provided a copy of their April update. Dr. Robertson complimented the smooth transition of this program and thanked Ms. Kimsey for her efforts.

Regulatory Activity Summary

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEWBORN ENROLLMENT

In response to member concerns about newborn enrollment, the following information was reported by Rebecca Mendoza, Division Director of Maternal and Child Health:

As of January 1, 2014, all hospitals can report the birth of a deemed newborn to expedite the infant's enrollment in Medicaid or FAMIS through a secure on-line form and receive enrollment

confirmation within two business days. Also, effective January 1, 2014, certain hospitals can enroll eligible individuals in short-term Medicaid coverage for up to two months through Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE). Dr. Boatwright thanked staff for their efforts to streamline methods to centralize the newborn enrollment process.

New Business

Adjournment

In closing, Dr. Rheuban stated she would provide the CBS “60 Minutes” link to the Health Wagon – Wise, VA report from Sunday, April 6, 2014, to be distributed to members. Dr. Rheuban thanked members who have served and now rotating off for their service to the Board. She noted the next meeting is June 17, 2014, and adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.