



MEETING MINUTES

CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee Meeting

October 13, 2023

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:

- Emily Roller, Virginia Health Care Foundation Member at Large
- Irma Blackwell, Virginia Department of Social Services Member at Large

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members participated virtually:

- Freddy Mejia, The Commonwealth Institute Vice Chair

The following DMAS staff were present in person:

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

Welcome – Freddy Mejia, CHIPAC Vice Chair

Freddy Mejia, CHIPAC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

I. CHIPAC Business

A. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting

Members reviewed the minutes from the July 13 Executive Subcommittee meeting. Emily Roller moved to approve the minutes, Mejia seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

B. Leadership update and actions

Hope Richardson, DMAS Policy, Regulation and Member Engagement Division, explained that the position of CHIPAC Chair was vacant because Sara Cariano had stepped down to accept the position of Director of Eligibility Policy and Outreach at DMAS. The Executive Subcommittee discussed leadership transitions. Roller moved to nominate Mejia as CHIPAC

Chair; Irma Blackwell seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to nominate Mejia to the full committee as Chair. Mejia then moved to nominate Emily Roller to succeed Mejia as Vice Chair. Blackwell seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to nominate Roller to the full committee as Vice Chair. The full committee will vote on these nominations at the December 7 meeting.

C. Membership updates

Richardson explained that there have been several resignations recently and committee membership currently stands at 16 members. The committee discussed inviting Birth in Color and Virginia Health Catalyst as potential member organizations. Richardson stated that she would reach out to gauge interest and send the member questionnaire for completion should these members be interested in being considered for membership, and any candidates could be voted on at the December full committee meeting.

II. Planning for December 7, 2023 Full Committee Meeting

Mejia reminded subcommittee members that the upcoming full committee meeting on December 7, 2023 will be an all virtual meeting. The subcommittee discussed agenda topics for the full committee meeting. Members requested an update on the unwinding process and progress in redetermining eligibility of Medicaid members, with a focus on children and pregnant individuals. Members also expressed interest in additional updates on school-based behavioral health and youth-focused components of Right Help Right Now.

The subcommittee also requested an update on DMAS' implementation of the federal 12-month continuous eligibility (CE) for children requirement that becomes effective January 1.

Richardson explained that DMAS is requesting an update on Cardinal Care implementation be added to the agenda for the December meeting. She described efforts underway to evaluate the impact of 12 months postpartum continuous coverage on maternal health and suggested that the committee might be interested in receiving an update on this work at a future meeting.

The subcommittee decided to focus the agenda on unwinding, Cardinal Care, 12-month continuous eligibility, and youth-focused Right Help Right Now updates, including the school behavioral health pilots.

III. Public Comment

Mejia invited public comment, but none was made.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.