

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

**December 13, 2011**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Joseph W. Boatwright, III, M.D.  
Michelle Collins-Robinson  
David Darden  
Monroe E. Harris, Jr., D.M.D.  
(Chair)  
Kay C. Horney  
Barbara H. Klear  
William L. Murray, Ph.D.  
(Vice Chair)  
John C. Napolitano  
J. Mott Robertson, Jr., M.D.  
Michael Walker

**Absent:**

Ashley L. Taylor, Jr.

**DMAS Staff:**

Cheryl J. Roberts, Deputy Director for Operations  
Tammy J. Whitlock, Specialized Services Manager  
Maternal & Child Health Division  
Ashley Barton, LCSW, Maternal & Child Health Coordinator  
Maternal & Child Health Division  
Seta Vandegrift, Budget Director  
Jennifer Gobble, 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:**

Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance  
Steven Ford, Director, Deputy Director for Administration  
Bryan Tomlinson, Director, Health Care Services Division  
Rebecca Mendoza, Director, Maternal & Child Health Division

**Guests:**

Richard Grossman, Vectre  
Hobart Harvey, Virginia Health Care Association  
Christine Cogbill, McGuire Woods  
Milton Ross, Family Systems

**Call to Order**

Dr. Monroe E. Harris, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. after a quorum was met. Dr. Harris welcomed everyone and asked Board members to introduce themselves and the introduction continued around the room by DMAS staff and guests. Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance, represented Cynthia Jones, DMAS Director, who was unable to attend.

### **Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2011 Meeting**

Dr. Harris asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting. Dr. Robertson made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Darden seconded. The vote was unanimous. **9-yes (Collins-Robinson, Darden, Harris, Horney, Klear, Murray, Napolitano, Robertson and Walker); 0-no.**

Dr. Harris announced the dates for the 2012 meetings: April 10, June 12, September 11 and December 11.

### **Update on DMAS Pharmacy Program follow up from September meeting – Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee**

Bryan Tomlinson, Director of Health Care Services, gave a brief overview of pharmacy program to follow up questions from the September 13 meeting to include Preferred Drug List (PDL) background information, how it was developed and how it operates.

### **Care Coordination**

Steven Ford, Deputy Director for Administration, gave an overview of the Appropriation Act language directing DMAS to expand principles of care coordination to all geographic areas, populations, and services under programs administered by the Department. He explained the specific potential initiatives to fulfill the stated intent of the language and provided the current status. These initiatives are congruent with the Governor's efforts to reform the Virginia Medicaid Program as recommended by the Virginia Health Reform Advisory Council.

Dr. Boatwright joined the meeting during this presentation. There was discussion and questions by the Board.

### **Medicaid Forecast**

Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance, gave an overview of the current year's budget cycle and the Medicaid budget and forecast for fiscal year 2013 through 2014. Mr. Crawford stated that once the forecast is completed, the Governor will introduce his proposed budget. The Governor's budget is scheduled to be introduced on December 19, 2011.

Dr. Murray left the meeting during this presentation. There was discussion and questions by the Board.

### **Newborn Enrollment**

Rebecca Mendoza, Director of Maternal and Child Health, provided additional information regarding newborn enrollment in response to questions raised at the September BMAS meeting. There was continued concern regarding newborns not having a Medicaid identification number at the time they are released from the hospital. Dr. Harris asked if the Board could be involved in developing a mechanism or recommendation for the MCO or hospital to ensure that the child is given the number before they leave the hospital. There was discussion and questions by the Board. Michelle Collins-Robinson questioned previous processes and strongly suggested that the single paged document – DMAS Form 213 - be scanned into the system and generated - as coded - like all other medical and insurance forms. Mr. Darden suggested that hospital registration or the financial counselor would be an ideal location to capture this information and volunteered to be a pilot site and work with DMAS staff on this issue.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **Regulatory Activity Summary**

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

### **New Business**

Dr. Robertson asked for an update on the JLARC report released in October on Mitigating the Risk of Improper Payments in the Medicaid Program. Mr. Ford responded that a contractor had been engaged to look at recommendations in the report and serve as liaison between policy and information management in working toward the development of a new eligibility system.

Dr. Robertson asked if DMAS would be affected by the Governor's proposal to combine the Departments of Rehabilitative Services, Aging and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Mr. Markva responded that there is no information available on whether or not this would affect DMAS at this time.

Dr. Robertson questioned what aspect of the Plan First Program was the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) reviewing. Mr. Ford responded the OAG reviews all regulations as part of the normal process. Ms. Mendoza responded that the Plan First Program has moved from a waiver to a state plan and increased eligibility level to 200% FPL as previously mandated by the General Assembly.

Dr. Robertson inquired if there was any update on the Health Benefit Exchange discussions and if this would be under consideration at the upcoming General Assembly Session. Mr. Ford

responded that there was not any information on whether or not this would be considered in the session at this time.

Dr. Boatwright commented on a recent communication received from Express Scripts stating that electronic prescribing through Wal-Greens would be discontinued. Dr. Boatwright expressed that his clients were concerned about their prescriptions and lack of notification. Mr. Ford responded that he was not aware that members had not been notified and would follow up. Mr. Ford confirmed that Wal-Greens would not accept electronic prescriptions and members would need to use another pharmacy.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Ms. Klear seconded. **9-yes (Boatwright, Collins-Robinson, Darden, Harris, Horney, Klear, Napolitano, Robertson, and Walker); 0-no.** Dr. Harris thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.