

Board of Community Health
Meeting
June 27, 2013

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Jamie Pennington
William Wallace
Jack Chapman
Mimi Collins
Clay Cox
Donna Moses

Members Absent

Kiera von Besser
Rick Jackson

The Board of Community Health held A Special Called meeting via teleconference at the Department of Community Health, Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Commissioner David A. Cook was also present. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norm Boyd called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Chairman Boyd thanked members of the board for attending the special called meeting and explained that such meeting was necessary in order to further and timely implement provisions of the Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act following communications from the Center For Medicare and Medicaid Services. Chairman Boyd asked the commissioner to present the items on the agenda for this meeting.

Minutes

The Minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Cook stated that there were two action items for the consideration of the Board today and then called on John Upchurch from the Finance Division to present both the Inpatient Outpatient Hospital Service Public Notice and the Outpatient Hospital lab Payments Public Notice. Mr. Upchurch explained that the Board approved for final adoption in May 2013, to continue the current hospital provider fee program. The Public notice being presented today is for an additional Provider payment program.

The Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act gave authorization for an additional provider payment on hospitals, or a subclass of hospitals. The intent of the new program is to include a fee on private hospitals that will be used to fund the non-federal portion of the supplemental payment to hospitals. The new program will require a state plan amendment.

The Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services requires 24 hour public notice prior to implementing the State Plan Amendment. The department will have flexibility to implement the additional program effective retroactively to July 1, 2013.

The Hospital Medicaid Financing Advisory Committee recommends that the Board approve the Public Notice. The Department will work with the Advisory Committee to develop methodology to be used for the program and then submit to the Board for approval. Ms. Moses MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the Inpatient Outpatient Hospital Service Public Notice. Mr. Chapman SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Inpatient Outpatient Hospital Service Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

Mr. Upchurch presented Outpatient Hospital Lab Payment Public Notice. He explained that to be in compliance with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Upper Payment Limit requirement, effective July 1, 2013, DCH must decrease Medicaid and PeachCare outpatient hospital rates for lab services so that they are at or below Medicare rates. Mr. Wallace MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the Outpatient Hospital Lab Payment Public Notice. Mr. Cox SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Outpatient Hospital Lab Payment Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

New Business

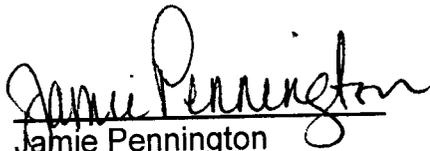
Chairman Boyd requested that the board cancel the July 11, 2013 Board meeting due to lack of agenda items. The meeting was cancelled without objection. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2013.

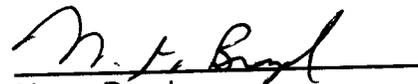
Adjournment

Commissioner Cook thanked the Board for making themselves available for this Special Called meeting.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF August, 2013.


Jamie Pennington
Secretary


Norm Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Inpatient Outpatient Hospital Service Public Notice
- #4 Outpatient Hospital Lab Payment Public Notice