

Board of Community Health
Meeting
September 8, 2022

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Roger Folsom
Russell Crutchfield
David Crews
Anthony Williamson
Nelva Lee
Robert Cowles
Cynthia Rucker

Members Absent

Shane Mobley

The Board of Community Health held its meeting via Zoom teleconference. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Committee Report

David Crews, Audit Committee Chairman provided the following update to the Board.

- The Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) presented the FY2021 and prior year audit findings and responses.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Noggle thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their participation via Zoom.

The following updates were provided to the Board:

- The team remains hard at work implementing several of the action items since the end of the last legislative session, and continues to work on several of our major transformations and projects that continue, such as our Medicaid enterprise transformation, managed care procurement, and a few others.

- The team continues to have positive dialogue with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding our directed payment programs.
- Wellstar announced the closure of the Atlanta Medical Center Hospital. We are working very closely with all the impacted parties. From a regulatory standpoint, the Department will ensure there is an adequate transition plan and no interruption to healthcare access to most patients.
- Recognition for employees' years of service milestones.

Kim Morris, Director of Reimbursement presented to the Board for initial adoption the Changes to Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology Public Notice.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, a proposal to change the disproportionate share hospital (DSH) allocation methodology to increase the allocation basis for hospitals receiving directed payments through directed payment program (DPP) by the amount of any intergovernmental transfer (IGT) or certified public expenditure (CPE) paid on behalf of the hospital, effective for DSH payment adjustments made on or after October 1, 2022.

There are no additional federal or state funds needed for this change. The change in methodology is to ensure hospitals participating in the State's directed payment program do not receive a reduction in the DSH allocation.

Ms. Morris noted that this proposal was previously presented and approved at the May 13, 2021, Board meeting, agenda item titled "Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) Directed Payments Program to Public Hospitals Public Notice, Final Adoption."

Ms. Morris stated that she was representing this proposal and issuing a public notice in response to a CMS requirement.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on September 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Written comments are due on or before September 19, 2022.

Ms. Morris respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Russell Crutchfield MADE a MOTION to approve the Changes to Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology Public Notice. Nelva Lee SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

(A copy of the Changes to Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

New Business/Closing Comments

- Chairman Norman Boyd requested from the elected nominating Committee their recommendations for Officer Board positions.

Nominating Committee:

1. David Crews, Chairman
2. Anthony Williamson, Member
3. Nelva Lee, Member

Recommendations:

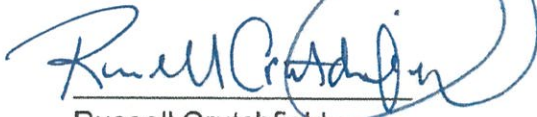
1. Norman Boyd, Chairman
2. Russell Crutchfield, Vice-Chairman
3. Cynthia Rucker, Secretary

Chairman Boyd made a recommendation to approve the Officer Board positions. The yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 0, and the positions were APPROVED.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF September, 2022.



Russell Crutchfield
Secretary



Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Changes to Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology Public Notice