

Board of Community Health
Meeting
March 12, 2020

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Allana Cummings
Roger Folsom
Anthony Williamson
Mark Trail
David Crews
Russ Childers
Russell Crutchfield
Kenneth Davis

Members Absent

The Board of Community Health held its meeting via 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 February 13, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Berry thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their attendance.

Commissioner Berry updated the Board on the following:

COVID19 Emergency Preparedness

- Implemented internal daily 8:30 a.m. touchpoint calls.
- Reduction in administrative burdens for providers and members to ensure seamless access for reimbursement and care.
- Assigned team members for the emergency preparedness center.

Marisol R. Owens, Third Party Liability Director presented to the Board for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Estate Recovery, Ga. Comp. Rules & Regs., R. 111-3-8.

The State's authority for the rate change is O.C.G.A. §49-4-147.1 (d) which updated language to: "To prevent substantial and unreasonable hardship, the Commissioner shall waive any claim against the first \$25,000.00 of any estate" in Senate Bill 370.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) approved the State Plan on August 23, 2018. Families, executors and personal representatives of the Estates have received the credit of the waiver of the initial \$25,000.00 since July 1, 2018.

Updates: 1) Authority of the Commissioner to waive the first \$25,000 of any estate; 2) clarification and correction to reflect process improvements and 3) updates to language permitting the Department to maintain compliance with federal and state regulations.

An opportunity for public comment was held on February 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before February 14, 2020. No comments were received.

Question from Mark Trail, Board member: Amount of Estate Recovery funds collected?

DCH response: Almost \$5 million annually.

Ms. Owens respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Rules and Regulations for Estate Recovery, Ga. Comp. Rules & Regs., R. 111-3-8. Mark Trail SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Estate Recovery, Ga. Comp. Rules & Regs., R. 111-3-8 is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

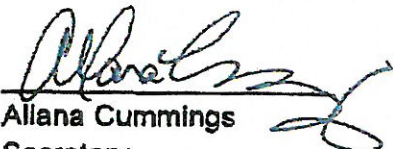
New Business/Closing Comments

None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12th DAY OF March, 2020.


Aliana Cummings
Secretary


Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Rules and Regulations for Estate Recovery, Ga. Comp. Rules & Regs., R. 111-3-8