

Board of Community Health
Meeting
August 23, 2018

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Allana Cummings
Roger Folsom
Kenneth Davis
Russ Childers
Mark Trail
Anthony Williamson

Members Absent

Russell Crutchfield

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), 5th Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. (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

None to approve.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Committee Reports

None to report.

Lisa A. Walker, Deputy Commissioner/CFO, presented to the Board the proposed Amended FY 2019 and FY 2020 budgets. Ms. Walker began by explaining the budget instructions released by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. She proceeded to summarize the just concluded 2018 fiscal year. She noted that during FY 2018, DCH served one in four Georgians and 52% of Georgia's children are served through its various programs. She further noted that the Department expended over \$3.1 billion in state funds over the course of the fiscal year of which 96% were expended in the Medicaid programs.

Ms. Walker made a few comments regarding the FY 2018 budget and informed the Board that the Department has a budget of \$3.3 billion in state funds for the year, with 97% of those funds budgeted in the Medicaid program.

Regarding the FY 2019 state funds appropriations, she noted that \$16.9 million was added for rate increases for nursing homes; \$1.7 million was added for graduate medical education; \$3.4 million was added for hourly rate increases for alternative living service providers; \$1.8 million was added for a triage rate increase for hospitals and \$1.2 million was added to provide for an increase in the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA).

Turning next to the proposed Amended FY 2019 and FY 2020 budgets, Ms. Walker reviewed with the Board each individual request item for Amended FY2018 budget and responded to questions. Chairman Boyd specifically asked why is there a continuous increase in enrollment and unemployment going down. Board Member Mr. Trail stated that since unemployment is decreasing, wages aren't high enough to not qualify someone for Medicaid.

The Amended FY 2019 request items include a projected growth need of \$25.9 million; \$2 million for Medicare Part B subsidy; \$8 million to provide coverage of gene therapy treatment; \$4.6 million to implement the Inpatient Prospective Payment System update; \$2.9 million for the enrollment of new Long Term Acute Treatment Centers (LTAC) and Intermediate Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF); \$23 million for private hospitals participating in the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program; \$631,416 for the Caregiver Registry/Long Term Care Background Checks; \$5.9 million for the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). These items result in a total Amended FY 2019 budget request of \$72,919,788.

Next, Ms. Walker addressed the Department's budgetary needs for FY 2020. The FY 2020 budget request includes \$88.9 million in projected benefit growth need in Medicaid; (\$34.4) million for the Health Insurer Fee Moratorium (HIF); \$6.8 million for Medicare Part B subsidy; \$9.7 million to provide coverage of gene therapy treatment; \$67.6 million for the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage adjustments; \$9.3 million to implement the Inpatient Prospective Payment System update; \$3.2 million for the enrollment of new Long Term Acute Treatment Centers (LTAC) and Intermediate Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF); \$29.8 million for the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage adjustments for PeachCare; \$264,058 for the retention of Non-Long Term Care and State Licensure nurse surveyors; \$609,091 for the Asset Verification System; \$740,829 for the Caregiver Registry/Long Term Care Background Checks; \$5.9 million for the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS); \$1.8 million for Third Parent Liability services; \$3.7 million for the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage adjustments for administration and \$2 million for process improvements. The total state funds budget request for FY 2020 is \$195,830,309.

Ms. Walker concluded the budget presentation with a financial status update of the State Health Benefit Plan. The Department is projecting an operational surplus of \$338 million in FY2020, which drops to a projected surplus of \$10.7 million in FY2021. The drop in projected surplus is based on the "status quo" revenue and expense assumptions that are built in to the projection. Any changes to plan design, growth assumptions, premium rates, and employer contribution rates would result in a recast of the plan's projected financial status.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the proposed Amended FY 2019 and FY 2020 budgets. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the proposed Amended FY 2019 and FY 2020 budgets is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

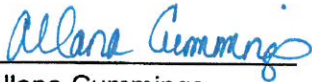
New Business/Closing Comments

None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 23rd DAY OF August, 2018.



Allana Cummings
Secretary
Official Attachments:

Norman Boyd
Chairman

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Amended FY 2019 and FY 2020 budgets