

Board of Community Health  
Meeting  
February 14, 2019

**Members Present**

Norman Boyd  
Allana Cummings  
Mark Trail  
Roger Folsom  
David Crews  
Russ Childers  
Kenneth Davis

**Members Absent**

Russell Crutchfield  
Anthony Williamson

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

The Minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Opening Comments**

None to report.

**Committee Reports**

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:

Budget Presentations:

- Completed the House AFY19/20
- Commended Lisa Walker, CFO on her presentations
- Members requested one-on-one meetings via Brandy Sylvan, Director of Government Relations

Brian Dowd, Director, Policy and Provider Services presented to the Board for final adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Program, Waiver Amendment: Structured Family Caregiving Public Notice.

This agenda item entailed information on Structured Family Caregiving, a proposed new Waiver Service and included potential cost savings associated with introduction of the service as requested by the Board.

	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
<b>SFY 2019</b>	\$717,805	\$1,499,011	\$2,216,816
<b>SFY 2020</b>	\$2,244,552	\$4,636,355	\$6,880,907

This is not new funding; it is an offset. Individuals must be currently receiving a minimum of five hours of personal support. Members can opt to use this service.

An opportunity for public comment was held on December 20, 2018, 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before January 24, 2019.

Oral comments were received from Jessie Weathington, Seniorlink and written comments were received from Jennifer Crosbie, Director of Government Relations, Seniorlink; both in favor of introducing Structured Family Caregiving.

Mr. Dowd respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Program, Waiver Amendment: Structured Family Caregiving Public Notice. Roger Folsom SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medical Assistance Plans, Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Program, Waiver Amendment: Structured Family Caregiving Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Brandy Sylvan, Director of Government Relations provided to the Board a legislative update. The General Assembly went into session January 14th and are considering several bills that will directly impact DCH if passed.

- HB 91 is DCH legislation that would authorize the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) to retain fingerprints of long-term care facility employees that are required to undergo a fingerprint criminal background check as a result of last year's SB 406.
- There are several Certificate of Need (CON) reform bills, including HB 198, which would repeal the program for all facilities other than nursing homes and home health agencies and require in its place a special health services license. HB 198 would also increase the rural hospital tax credit program to \$100 million.
- SB 106, the Patients First Act, is sponsored by one of the Governor's floor leaders and authorizes DCH to submit a Medicaid waiver request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Several bills would impact the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP), including those related to step therapy, surprise billing, bariatric surgery coverage and obesity drug coverage.
- DCH worked with the GBI to develop a bill that would authorize law enforcement agencies to conduct inspections of unlicensed personal care homes.


#### **New Business/Closing Comments**

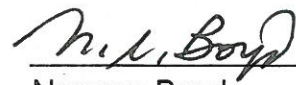
None to report.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF February, 2019.

  
Allana Cummings  
Secretary

  
Norman Boyd  
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Medical Assistance Plans, Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Program, Waiver Amendment: Structured Family Caregiving Public Notice