

Board of Community Health
Meeting
January 10, 2019

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Allana Cummings
Mark Trail
Roger Folsom
David Crews
Anthony Williamson
Russ Childers

Members Absent

Russell Crutchfield
Kenneth Davis

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

The Minutes of the December 13, 2018 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:

- Recognized the DCH team's commitment during this transition period.
- A legislative update will be provided at the next scheduled meeting.

Brian Dowd, Assistant Chief, Policy and Provider Services presented to the Board for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, Waiver Amendments: New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) Public Notice.

The proposed effective date is March 1, 2019; pending both final Board approval and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.

In this Waiver Amendment, DCH proposes to modify and add services to the New NOW and COMP Waiver Programs. This change is estimated to expenditures for SFY 2019 and SFY 2020 as follows:

	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
SFY 2019	\$1,009,019	\$2,128,479	\$3,137,498
SFY 2020	\$3,422,440	\$7,069,407	\$10,491,847

Both Waivers are operationally administered by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). DBHDD provides the State Funds Match for NOW and COMP Waiver claims.

Four changes are being made to the Waivers.

Behavior Support Services:

The DCH is seeking to combine two current services: Behavioral Support Consultation and Behavioral Support Services. Behavioral Support Consultation and Behavioral Support Services will be renamed as one service category with two levels representing differences in required professional credentialing. Each level authorizes specific practice functions to be delivered consistent with both professional licensing rules and generally-accepted standards of practice. Additionally, DCH proposes to remove the current maximum number of units for this service and allow authorization to be determined based on individual assessed need.

Interpreter Services:

The addition of Interpreter Services to the NOW and COMP Waiver Programs allows DCH to provide language interpreting to individuals with significant hearing impairment or non-English speaking individuals. The service will facilitate assessment to assure accurate evaluation, eligibility determination, and development of a person-centered service plan. The service may also be used to assist in training direct support staff in communication basics to facilitate delivery of other waiver services. Interpreter Services

is designed to be in full compliance with *Appendix B-8: Access to Services by Limited English Proficient Persons* found in the Medicaid Waiver application.

Transition Services:

Transition Services are designed for individuals moving directly from an institution into a community-based waiver program and are available for one year following transition from a hospital, an intermediate care or skilled nursing facility. The addition of Transition Services and Supports and Community Integration Services allows continued focus on services currently available through the Money Follows the Person demonstration program which is scheduled to end on December 31, 2019.

Out-of-Home Respite Service:

Respite – 15-Minute Unit Out-of-Home Service represents no change in rate or utilization. DCH proposes renaming the service to provide an additional Respite Service type available for short respite visits in an out-of-home setting such as a Community Living Arrangement or Host Home.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on January 16, 2019, 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments will be accepted on or before February 12, 2019.

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

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, Waiver Amendments: New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) 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, Waiver Amendments: New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

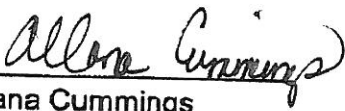
New Business/Closing Comments

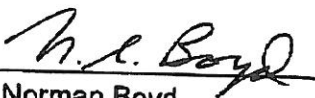
None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 10th DAY
OF January, 2019.


Allana Cummings
Secretary


Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda
- #2 List of Attendees
- #3 Medical Assistance Plans, Waiver Amendments: New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) Public Notice