

Board of Community Health
Meeting
March 14, 2019

Members Present

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

Members Absent

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 10:32 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Committee Reports

Norman Boyd, Audit Committee Chairman reported the following:

- Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) made a presentation on the progress of findings and independent auditing for fiscal year 2018.
- Findings included risk management and internal control.
- 5-year plan on target.

Committee members in attendance: Norman Boyd, Russ Childers and Mark Trail.

Meeting Occurrence: Quarterly.

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:

- Presented the final 2020 budget to the senate; total of five budget presentations were presented during session.
- Lisa Walker, CFO and Kellee Richards, Budget Director did a great job presenting.
- Brandy Sylvan, Director of Government Relations has played an instrumental role relaying information on legislation that will impact the Department, partnering with Governor Kemp's legislative team and scheduling vital meetings.
- Item for discussion after session: Information Technology (IT) projects.

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

The agenda item entailed modifications to existing waiver services and the introduction of new services into the NOW and COMP.

Cost impact of proposed changes:

	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

The two Medicaid Waiver Programs 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.

An opportunity for public comment was 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 were accepted on or before February 12, 2019. No oral comments were received.

Written comments were received from Whitney Fuchs, CEO, InCommunity. Mr. Fuchs questioned the verifiable rate methodology for Behavioral Support Services, Interpreter Services, and Out of Home Respite. Mr. Dowd responded with the allowable rate methodology for each service. Mr. Fuchs additionally had concerns as to enrollment

and re-enrollment for providers of Behavioral Support Services. Mr. Dowd responded that no changes were made to the enrollment and re-enrollment process for providers of Behavioral Support Services. Finally, Mr. Fuchs had concerns about the assessment and authorization process for Behavioral Support Services leading to additional needed reviews and costs. Mr. Dowd responded that the existing assessment tools for services would continue to be utilized for authorization of services with DBHDD regional oversight.

Mr. Trail asked if DBHDD verified their capacity to cover the state funds for the proposed amendment to the waivers. Mr. Dowd acknowledged the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at DBHDD, Mary Price, verified their capacity to cover the state funds. Chairman Boyd inquired if DCH staff routinely reach out to individuals who make public comment as part of the Board notice process. Mr. Dowd acknowledged that DCH routinely does touch base with individuals who comment as part of the public notice process.

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, Waiver Amendments: New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) Public Notice. David Crews SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, 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).

Kate Pfirman, Executive Director, Continuous Program Improvement presented to the Board an update on the Continuous Program Improvement (CPI) initiative. This initiative was launched in February of 2018 by Commissioner Berry. It has been a true team effort with the partnership of Blake Fulenwider, Health Policy Officer and Lynnette Rhodes, Acting Director of Medicaid Operations. Many health associations, providers, DXC, the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) contractor and the care management organizations (CMOs) have participated and provided valuable input.

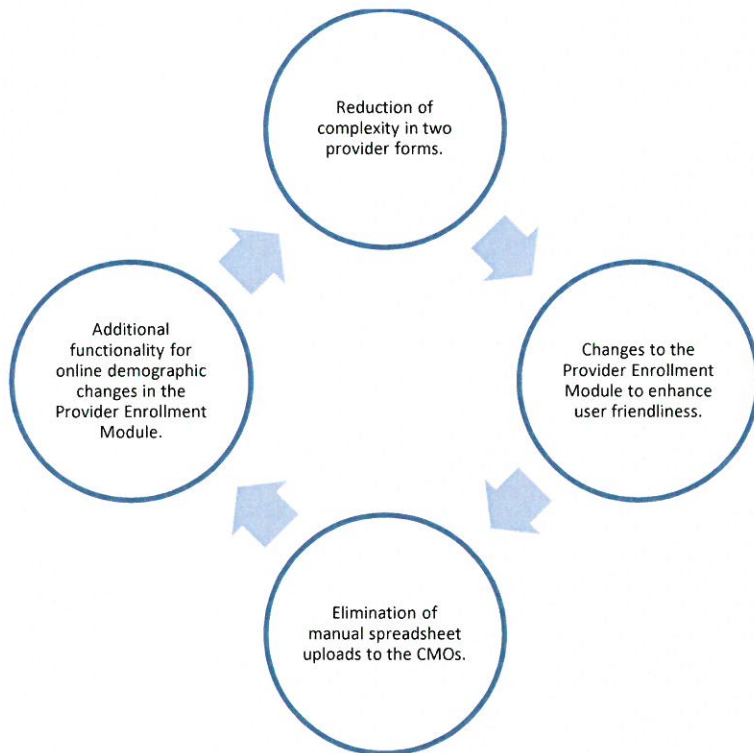
Initially, CPI only focused on Medicaid, but the scope has expanded to include the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP).

Four Workgroups:



These groups meet monthly and the steering committee meets every other month.

Key accomplishments:



On the horizon are improvements to greatly reduce data entry in provider enrollment, review of medications that currently require preauthorization and the addition of members' renewal dates in the system so that providers can remind members of renewals and avoid a gap in coverage.

(A copy of the Administrative Simplification presentation is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).


New Business/Closing Comments

None to report.

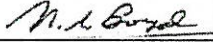
Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF March, 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
- #4 Administrative Simplification Presentation