



**Medicaid Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
January 21, 2026

**Members Present:**

Angela Felton  
Christopher O'Connell  
Ashleigh Caseman  
Blake Fulenwider  
Dr. Minh Nguyen  
Dr. James Richardson  
Amy Allen  
Dr. Theresa Jacobs  
Laura Colbert

**Members Absent:**

Jamie Stewart  
Dr. Stephen Patrick  
Dr. Madeline Sutton  
Dr. Abigail Miller

**DCH Attendees:**

Lynette Rhodes  
Stuart Portman  
Dr. Kelvin Holloway  
Keywanna Thompson  
Nicole Hodges  
Dr. Somo Hubbard  
Taesha Ward  
Tiffany Blockum  
LaTrivia Blush  
Tyesha Shaddi  
Kristen Atkins  
Arlesia Bean  
Joko Worjloh  
Kathrina Biassou  
Ajene Hall  
Shanique Horne  
Makayla Crosby



Keisha Atoe  
Marilyn Ellis  
Dean Burke  
Shandria Beasley  
Emily Hatchett  
Vonnie Stelly  
Melonie Wilson  
Michael Henderson  
Sybil Henderson  
Michele Freeman  
Randall Solomon  
Maya Carter  
Clarissa Felix  
Booth-Comer, Toni  
Dr. Gloria Beecher  
Justin Ellison  
Rebecca Dugger  
Leah Peacock  
Shamie Das  
Brian Dowd  
Miriam Turner  
Jamie Cramer  
Maxine Elliott  
Deborah Spaulding  
Jeddie Bristow  
Stefanie Ashlaw  
Emily Yona  
Ahna Jackson  
Lauren Williams  
Marvis Butler

**Welcome- Stuart Portman: Executive Director, Medical Assistance Plans (MAP) Division**

- Welcomed committee members and attendees to the meeting.
- Expressed appreciation for members' willingness to serve on the Medicaid Advisory Committee.
- Noted the importance of the committee's role in shaping Medicaid policy and program direction.

**Introduction- Dr. Kelvin Holloway: Deputy Executive Director/Chief Medical Director, MAP**

- Facilitated introductions of committee members and attendees.



- Thanked members for their commitment to serving on the MAC.
- Acknowledged Keywanna Thompson for her coordination and support in organizing the committee and meeting logistics.
- Committee Members:
  - Introduced themselves, their organizations, and their professional roles.

### **Call to Order- Dr. Kelvin Holloway**

Formally the meeting was called to order and the agenda was adopted with common consent.

### **Executive Director Report- Stuart Portman**

#### **Purpose of the MAC**

- Stated that the purpose of the Medicaid Advisory Committee is to provide insights on Medicaid policy issues and program improvements.
- Emphasized that the committee is intended to be action-oriented and focused on meaningful system improvements.
- Reinforced the importance of keeping Medicaid beneficiaries at the center of all discussions and decisions.
- Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is awaiting final budgetary approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. More information can be found on the DCH website. Future MAC meetings will include discussions on primary care enhancement, total cost of care models, and quality and risk measurement.

#### **Committee Charge**

- Charged committee members to provide candid feedback, share expertise, and support continuous improvement of Georgia's Medicaid program.
- Encouraged members to bring forward emerging issues, best practices, and recommendations for future agenda topics.

### **Medicaid Advisory Committee Overview- Dr. Kelvin Holloway**

- Provided an overview of the MAC's legal authority under federal regulations.
- Explained the distinction between the Medicaid Advisory Committee and the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC).
- Reviewed committee composition, membership categories, and term limits.
- Outlined expectations for member engagement, preparation, objectivity, and bidirectional communication.
- Advised that draft MAC bylaws will be distributed for member review and comment.



### **Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB) Post Award Forum- Dr. Kelvin Holloway**

- Presented the Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB) Post Award Forum agenda item.
- Explained that federal requirements mandate a public forum and comment period for the P4HB annual report.
- Confirmed that the report was posted on the DCH website for a 30-day public comment period.
- Noted that no public comments were received.
- Stated that this agenda item satisfied the public forum requirement.

### **Announcements / Information- Dr. Kelvin Holloway**

- Announced that the **next MAC meeting** is scheduled for **April 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**, to be held **remotely**.
- Informed the committee members that **MAC bylaws** will be shared for review, with discussion and adoption anticipated at a future meeting.
- Noted that the **election of a Chair and Co-Chair** will occur at the next MAC meeting.

### **Adjournment- Dr. Kelvin Holloway**