Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission Meeting November 14, 2024, 10 A.M.

Members Present

Caylee Noggle, Chair Lisa Carnot Pam Clayton Kristy Klein Davis Delvecchio Finley Dr. Harry Heiman Dr. Sid Moore Dr. John Odom Joseph Ross, Esq.

Members Absent

None

Meeting Summary

The Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission held its meeting via Zoom teleconference. Chair Caylee Noggle presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Shawn Walker, Director of Project Management for the Georgia Department of Community Health, opened the meeting by welcoming attendees to the Commission Meeting, taking official roll of members, and providing information on the agenda and meeting format. Shawn indicated regular Commission meetings will be open for the public to observe and recordings will be posted to the website.

Opening Remarks

Chair Caylee Noggle summarized the Commission's prior meetings which covered certain existing insurance options in Georgia through Medicaid, Georgia Access, and Georgia Pathways to Coverage. As the Commission begins its work at earnest, Chair Noggle announced that the Commission secured a consultant through a statewide contract with the help of DCH. Ernst & Young (EY) was introduced as the consulting partner. EY, through a strategic roadmap, will lead the systematic review and analysis of healthcare options and opportunities for the targeted populations in Georgia. The firm will also assist the Commission over the next two years with organizing how the Commission approaches its work.

Chair Noggle reminded the Commission of its December 1 deadline for submission of the initial report and that a draft will be sent to them for review prior to this date. Following Chair Noggle's opening remarks, Shawn introduced the leading EY team members.

Consultant Presentation

EY Team Members:

- **Belinda Minta,** Partner
- Julie Hicks, Manager

Following introductions, Belinda provided an overview of project objectives and expectations for their work with the Commission. Using a two-phased approach to address each of the three statutory opportunities in the order identified by the Commission, EY will perform a range of exploration activities, including but not limited to an environmental scan, impact analysis of financial and health outcomes, interviews of Georgia's sister health agencies, an exploration of beneficiary experiences, and a review of programs, policies, and options in certain other key states with similar populations. Deliverables will align with due dates of reports to be provided to the Governor and General Assembly. Throughout the exploration, Commission members will have numerous opportunities to provide feedback, input, and guidance.

EY also outlined the timeline and deliverables for its engagement, including its assistance for the Commission's initial report due December 1, 2024 to the Governor and General Assembly.

Following EY's presentation, Commission members offered several suggestions, including but not limited to the potential to supplement EY's work with existing data and reports to minimize duplication of efforts, ensuring options to fill coverage gaps and provider reimbursement are distinguished, considering perspectives of both the consumer and provider within the financial analyses, and utilizing ground level resources to highlight care for those in need.

The presentation and recording of the meeting can be found at: https://dch.georgia.gov/comprehensive-health-coverage-commission under Thursday, November 14, 2024.

Closing Remarks:

Chair Noggle closed by reaffirming the need for collaboration and commitment to the Commission's work. She emphasized the importance of flexibility in light of evolving federal policies. Immediate next steps include finalizing the December 2024 report and scheduling future meetings.

Adjournment:

Chair Noggle thanked the Commission members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.