

Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission
Meeting Summary
July 25, 2024, 2 P.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

The Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission held its meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting was recorded and can be found on the commission website at <https://dch.georgia.gov/comprehensive-health-coverage-commission> under Thursday, July 25, 2024 meeting information and titled "*Meeting Video Link*". An agenda is attached and is incorporated into this summary. Chair Caylee Noggle presided and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Shawn Walker, Director of Project Management for the Georgia Department of Community Health, opened the meeting by welcoming attendees to the Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission Kickoff Meeting. Shawn Walker indicated regular Commission meetings will be open to the public for viewing and recordings will be posted to the website.

Shawn Walker took roll of the Commission members in attendance and provided information on the format and agenda for the meeting.

Opening Remarks

Chair Caylee Noggle thanked attendees for their presence and expressed her appreciation to Governor Kemp for establishing this Commission and Lieutenant Governor Jones, Speaker Burns, and all the legislative leaders who supported the Commission.

Chair Noggle introduced herself and discussed her background and experience in healthcare. Noggle noted the Commission is required to submit semi-annual reports for the next two years. The initial report from the Commission is due on December 1, 2024.

Noggle provided an overview of the Commission's mission in Section 12 of HB1339, which passed during the 2024 Georgia Legislative Session- sponsored by Representative Parrish and others. Noggle highlighted the following statements from the bill:

Its statutory purpose is to advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Department of Community Health, as the administrator of the state medical assistance program, on issues related to access and quality of healthcare for Georgia's low-income and uninsured populations. The Commission shall be tasked with reviewing the following:

- Opportunities related to reimbursement and funding for Georgia healthcare providers, including premium assistance programs
- Opportunities related to quality improvement of healthcare for Georgia's low-income and uninsured populations
- Opportunities to enhance service delivery and coordination of healthcare among and across state agencies

Subject to appropriations, the commission shall contract with experts and consultants to produce a semiannual report on its findings for the Governor and the General Assembly. The commission shall provide its initial report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2024.

Chair Noggle emphasized the need for a comprehensive approach to addressing healthcare issues in Georgia and encouraged exploration of various solutions. Noggle also discussed the importance of focusing on Georgia-specific solutions and gathering detailed information on different models and their impacts.

Commission Member Introductions

The remaining Commission members introduced themselves and offered their perspectives on the Commission's efforts:

Lisa Carnot, who discussed her background in risk management and quality improvement in healthcare. She expressed her excitement to be part of the commission and her focus on finding solutions that improve both access and quality of care.

Pam Clayton, who discussed her background in nursing and her current work supporting healthcare providers. She expressed her interest in exploring ways to improve the healthcare continuum and serve the population in need.

Kristy Klein Davis, who discussed her background in healthcare and increasing opportunities for health and well-being. She expressed her dedication to researching solutions for access to health and reaching the full range of needs from Georgians.

Delvecchio Finley, who discussed his background in healthcare administration. He acknowledged the importance of accessibility to healthcare and expressed appreciation to our state leaders for being part

of this commission to advance similar themes as advocated by his organization involving improving health through collaboration.

Dr. Harry J. Heiman, who discussed his background in family medicine and study of health policy/public health. He expressed a deep passion for advancing health policies and inequities in Georgia particularly impacting low-income families.

Dr. Sid Moore, who discussed his background as an ophthalmologist with experience in ambulatory surgery centers. He highlighted his involvement in various healthcare organizations and his interest in improving access and quality of care while saving healthcare dollars.

Dr. John Odom, who discussed his healthcare experience in both rural and urban areas. He expressed his passion for solving the physician shortage crisis in Georgia and his work with the medical school in Savannah, GA.

Joseph R. Ross, Esq, who discussed his background, previous involvement in healthcare commissions, and his representation of providers. He expressed his desire to make the healthcare system more efficient and provide resources to those in need.

Commission Housekeeping

Chair Noggle thanked the members for their participation in the Commission and introduced the support team of the Commission. Noggle highlighted the website: <https://dch.georgia.gov/comprehensive-health-coverage-commission> and the Commission email: chc.commission@dch.ga.gov. Noggle noted that Shawn Walker and Ky Gallagher will be the main points of contact for administrative questions or comments regarding the Commission, and they can be reached using the Commission email address.

Speaker Presentations

Medicaid Landscape Overview: Lynnette Rhodes, *Chief Health Policy Officer, Department of Community Health*

Lynnette Rhodes provided an overview of the Medicaid Program in Georgia. The presentation included the following points:

- Overview of Medicaid and CHIP Programs
- Georgia Medicaid
- 1915 (c) HCBS Waivers
- 1115 Demonstration Waivers

Rhodes highlighted important policy considerations for the Commission, including Access to Providers, Reimbursement Rates, Improved Health Outcomes, Member and Provider Incentives, Priority Areas of Concern, Technology, Integrated Care Models, Policy Requirements, and Type of Service. She emphasized there is no one-size-fits-all approach in Medicaid.

Commission members were given the opportunity for questions and answers with Lynnette Rhodes.

The full presentation can be found at: <https://dch.georgia.gov/comprehensive-health-coverage-commission> under Thursday, July 25, 2024 meeting information and titled “Presentation”.

Introduction to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire, and Georgia Access-

John King, *Commissioner, Office of Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire*

Commissioner John King provided an overview of the Georgia Access Program in Georgia. The presentation included the following points:

- Health Insurance Exchanges
- Consumer Enrollment Options
- Overview and Implementation of Georgia Access

Commissioner King emphasized the importance of marketing the program to local communities and tailoring the message to different populations. The Commissioner also mentioned the involvement of carriers in the market and the potential for the program to shape the future of healthcare in Georgia.

Commission members were given the opportunity for questions and answers with Commissioner King.

The full presentation can be found at: <https://dch.georgia.gov/comprehensive-health-coverage-commission> under Thursday, July 25, 2024 meeting information and titled “Presentation”.

Closing Remarks:

Chair Noggle closed with noting potential opportunities for the Commission to review:

- Quality of Managed Care Organizations
- Quality of Private Plans on the Exchanges
- Medicaid Member Accountability
- Insurer Plan Accountability
- Population Modeling
- Predictive Analytics
- Claims Analyses

Chair Noggle noted these opportunities should help with determining how the Commission narrows its scope(s) of focus.

Chair Noggle discussed future meeting cadence options, the opportunity for in-person meetings and teleconferences via Zoom, and the potential in the future to invite speakers with specific subject matter expertise to help advance the Commission’s work.

Adjournment:

Chair Noggle thanked the Commission members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Attachments:

#1 Agenda

#2 Presentation (Separate PDF)

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Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 25, 2024

Meeting Time: 2 – 4pm Eastern

Format: Virtual via Zoom

Website: <https://dch.georgia.gov/comprehensive-health-coverage-commission>

Topic	Speaker	Duraon
Welcome	Shawn Walker <i>Director, Project Management Office, Department of Community Health</i>	5 minutes
Introductions of Commission Members	<p>Caylee Noggle – Chair <i>President & CEO, Georgia Hospital Association</i></p> <p>Lisa Carnot <i>Vice President, Risk Management at PruitHealth</i></p> <p>Ms. Pam Clayton <i>VP, Quality Advancement & Regulatory Affairs, Georgia Health Care Association</i></p> <p>Kristy Klein Davis <i>President, Georgia Health Initiative</i></p> <p>Delvecchio Finley <i>President & CEO, Atrium Health Navicent</i></p> <p>Dr. Harry J. Heiman <i>Clinical Professor, Dept of Health Policy and Behavioral Sciences at Georgia State University’s School of Public Health</i></p> <p>Dr. Sid Moore <i>Physician, Eye Center of Central GA</i></p> <p>Dr. John Odum <i>Physician, Metro Surgical</i></p> <p>Joseph R. Ross, Esq. <i>Partner, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP</i></p>	40 minutes
Commission Housekeeping	Caylee Noggle	10 minutes
Medicaid Landscape Overview	Lynnette Rhodes <i>Chief Health Policy Officer, Department of Community Health</i>	35 minutes

Introduction to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire, and Georgia Access	John King <i>Commissioner, Office of Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire</i>	20 minutes
Closing Remarks/Next Steps	Caylee Noggle	10 minutes