

Board of Community Health
Meeting
August 8, 2013

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Jamie Pennington
William Wallace
Jack Chapman
Mimi Collins
Clay Cox
Donna Moses
Kiera von Besser
Rick Jackson

Members Absent

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health, Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Commissioner Clyde L. Reese, III was also present. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norm Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the June 27, 2013 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Reese addressed the Board by stating that his guiding principles for the Department were transparency and communication. He further stated that he welcomed communication from the board members and stake holders. Commissioner Reese also stated that he wanted to commend former Commissioner David Cook for the job he had done with the Department. He further stated that he wished to continue collaboration between all Departments going forward to ensure optimum results in health care for the citizens of Georgia.

Marcy Alter presented the GAPP Medically Fragile Day Care Rates Public Notice for initial adoption. The changes proposed for this Public Notice will modify the payment method for Medically Fragile Daycare services. Rates will reflect a full or half day all inclusive rate that encompasses all aspects of non state plan services provided, plus transportation. The rates are currently in 15-minute increment billing methodology. The Department is proposing \$248 per member full day rate and \$124 half day rate. The purpose of the change is to be in compliance with a mandate on waiver design as outlined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services. The cost saving from prevented hospitalizations are estimated at \$123, 111 per child per year. The Department respectfully requests your favorable consideration to the modification of the Georgia Pediatric Program Medically Fragile Daycare Program reimbursement rates.

Ms. Pennington MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the GAPP Medically Fragile Day Care Rates Public Notice. DR. Chapman SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the GAPP Medically Fragile Day Care Rates Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

Terri Branning presented the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Public Notice for final adoption. The Georgia Department of Community Health is transitioning children in foster care, adoption assistance, and certain Department of Juvenile Justice youth from the Medicaid fee-for-service delivery system to a single statewide Care Management Organization. The reason for this transition is to improve physical and behavioral health services and promote coordination of care and enhance health outcomes. Implementation of the program is dependent upon the approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

Two public hearings were scheduled, one on Monday June 24, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., in Macon, Georgia and the second was held here at DCH on June 25th at 1:00 p.m. The opportunity for public comment ended on July 14, 2013. As a result of the comment period the Department received six oral comments at the scheduled hearings, three written comments and seventeen responses to the online survey.

The Department will build on past experiences of transitioning various groups to Care Management Organizations. A single CMO for Foster Care/Adoption Assistance will provide opportunities for better coordinated and integrated health care services, which will in turn, result in improved health outcomes. The Department understands the vulnerability of this population and has included contract requirements for the CMO to address special needs. A Monitoring and Oversight Committee including DCH representatives, foster parents and providers will work with the CMO to oversee the

FCAA program. DCH is developing a virtual health record (VHR) for managing all health records for this population. The VHR will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will provide a complete health history for each member. The Department respectfully asks for the Board's favorable consideration for final adoption of this program.

Ms. Collins MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Public Notice. Dr. von Besser SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

Ms. Pennington asked for the Department to offer an update to the Board within 6 months, as this is one of our most fragile patient populations and we would appreciate hearing an update on how many of these new policies and procedures are being executed.

Brian Looby presented for Healthcare Facility Regulation: Technical Amendments to Repeal and Replace Rules for: Disaster Preparedness, Drug Abuse Treatment Programs, Narcotic Treatment Programs, and Traumatic Brain Injury Facilities for final adoption. Mr. Looby explained that the rules were being repealed under their current chapter and reinstated under Chapter 111-8 of the Official code of Georgia Annotated. Dr. Chapman MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, Technical Amendments to Repeal and Replace Rules for: Disaster Preparedness, Drug Abuse Treatment Programs, Narcotic Treatment Programs, and Traumatic Brain Injury Facilities. Mr. Cox SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the : Technical Amendments to Repeal and Replace Rules for: Disaster Preparedness, Drug Abuse Treatment Programs, Narcotic Treatment Programs, and Traumatic Brain Injury Facilities is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

Tim Connell explained that the Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act gave authorization for an additional provider payment on hospitals, or a subclass of hospitals. The intent of this program is to include a fee on private hospitals that will be used to fund the non-federal portion of the supplemental payment to hospitals. The program requires a state plan amendment. The department has flexibility to implement the additional program effective retroactively to July 1, 2013. A Public hearing was held on July 3, 2013 and the period for public comments ended on July 10, 2013. No one appeared to speak at the hearing and no comments were received.

The Hospital Medicaid Financing Advisory Committee recommends that the Board approve the Public Notice. Dr. Moses MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, the Inpatient Outpatient Hospital Service Public Notice. Ms. Collins SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Inpatient Outpatient Hospital Service Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

Tim Connell presented Outpatient Hospital Lab Payment Public Notice. He explained that to be in compliance with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Upper Payment Limit requirement, effective July 1, 2013, DCH must decrease Medicaid and PeachCare outpatient hospital rates for lab services so that they are at or below Medicare rates. A Public hearing was held on July 3, 2013 and the period for public comments ended on July 10, 2013. No one appeared to speak at the hearing and no comments were received.

Ms. Pennington MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, the Outpatient Hospital Lab Payment Public Notice. Dr. von Besser SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Outpatient Hospital Lab Payment Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

Trudie Nacin presented State Health Benefit Plan Calendar Year 2014 Member Contribution Rates Resolution. Ms. Nacin proceeded with an overview of the current procurement status by saying that the goals were to promote healthier outcomes for the membership and cost effectiveness. Four contracts will be awarded 2014: Third Party Administrator and Medical Management will be awarded to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia, Pharmacy Benefit Management will be awarded to Express Scripts and Wellness will be awarded to Healthways. An additional piece of the Benefit package for an HMO is still in procurement stages. Ms. Nacin stated that all of the State Health Benefit Plan components were in compliance with the Affordable Care Act. The Design changes for 2014 will be easier to understand and compare with Health Insurance Exchange. Several of the plan options will reflect a decrease in member premiums for the upcoming calendar year.

Ms. Pennington asked Ms Nacin to expand upon the status of the current HMO bid which Commissioner Reese responded has been opened back up to allow for a more transparent and fair process. Ms. Pennington praised the Commissioner for his commitment to transparency and his leadership in allowing this portion of the contract to be re-evaluated. Ms Pennington went on to express that the Board and DCH represent

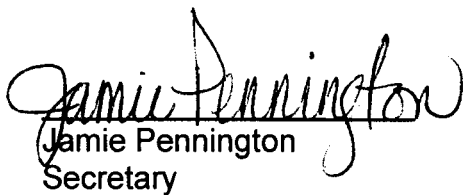
all citizens in the State of Georgia and that she would not support any plan that offered certain zip codes one set of provider options that were not available to all. She detailed that the HMO would offer completely different physician and specialty networks, choices that every member should be allowed to make independent of geography or zip code.


Chairman Boyd requested a roll call voice vote on 2014 SHBP Calendar Year Member Contribution Rates. Those voting in favor were: Mr. Boyd, Dr. Chapman, Mr. Cox, Mr. Jackson and Dr. Moses. Those voting against the Resolution were: Ms. Pennington, Dr. von Besser and Mr. Wallace. Ms. Collins abstained from the vote. ON THE Adoption of the Resolution, the yeas were 5, nays 3, abstention 1, and the Resolution was ADOPTED. (A copy of the State Health Benefit Plan Calendar Year 2014 Member Contribution Rates Resolution is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #8).

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 22nd DAY OF August, 2013.


Jamie Pennington
Secretary


Norm Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 GAPP Medically Fragile Day Care Rates Public Notice

- #4 Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Public Notice
- #5 Technical Amendments to Repeal and Replace Rules for: Disaster Preparedness, Drug Abuse Treatment Programs, Narcotic Treatment Programs, and Traumatic Brain Injury Facilities
- #6 Inpatient Outpatient Hospital Service Public Notice
- #7 Outpatient Hospital Lab Payment Public Notice
- #8 State Health Benefit Plan Calendar Year 2014 Member Contribution Rates Resolution