

Board of Community Health  
Meeting  
February 9, 2023

**Members Present**

Norman Boyd  
Roger Folsom  
Russell Crutchfield  
David Crews  
Anthony Williamson  
Nelva Lee  
Robert Cowles  
Cynthia Rucker

**Members Absent**

Shane Mobley

The Board of Community Health held its meeting via Zoom teleconference. (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 10:30 a.m.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the January 13, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Opening Comments**

None to report.

**Committee Report**

Anthony Williamson, Care Management Committee Chairman provided the following updates to the Board:

- End of the continuous enrollment for Medicaid that has been in place since March 2020.
  - Over the next 12 to 14 months the Department will begin completing redeterminations and renewals.
  - Federal public health emergency ends May 11, 2023. This will impact some waivers and flexibilities as part of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) that included how co-payments, prior authorizations, and provider enrollment are handled.
- Status of procurements.

## Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Noggle thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their participation via Zoom.

The following updates were provided to the Board:

- Publicly thanked our partners assisting with the Pathways to Coverage implementation, a statewide effort in collaboration with our sister agencies as well as several businesses and trading partners.
  - July 1, 2023 target date.
  - We have re-engaged with our federal partners and have established almost weekly meetings with them to ensure we're staying on track.
- Legislative session updates:
  - Monitoring and watching the Department's budget, several bills.
  - Presented our AFY23 budget to the House and the Senate.
    - A substantial amount of our budget this year was not specific programmatic increases or changes, but due to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) changes specifically related to the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and the end of the continuous enrollment that also coincides with shifts in the federal cost share.
    - Nearly \$1 billion or more was included in the Governor's budget recommendation for an infusion and additional revenues for the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP).
- Recognition for employees' years of service milestones.

Brian Dowd, Deputy Executive Director, Medical Assistance Plans presented to the Board for initial adoption the Medical Assistance Plans, Comprehensive Supports (COMP) Waiver Program Rate Increase Public Notice.

Effective July 1, 2023, pending Board and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, DCH is proposing to make permanent an initial 5% increase and additional 2% increase enacted in response to the Public Health Emergency (PHE).

DCH in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) enacted two temporary rate increases during the PHE utilizing Appendix K authority. The waiver amendment seeks to make permanent the temporary rate increase afforded by Appendix K. The State match funding for the increases was legislatively allocated to DBHDD to cover the cost. The rate increase was for all services within the waiver.

The proposed reimbursement rate change is estimated to increase expenditures.

Fiscal Impact	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2024	\$18,145,635	\$35,255,291	\$53,400,926
SFY 2025	\$18,612,205	\$36,161,793	\$54,773,998
SFY 2026	\$19,090,017	\$37,090,139	\$56,180,156

An opportunity for public comment will be held on February 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Written comments are due on or before March 13, 2023.

Mr. Dowd respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve the Medical Assistance Plans, Comprehensive Supports (COMP) Waiver Program Rate Increase Public Notice. Russell Crutchfield SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED.

(A copy of the Medical Assistance Plans, Comprehensive Supports (COMP) Waiver Program Rate Increase Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

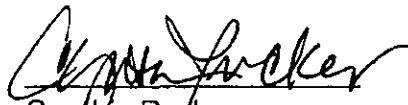
**New Business/Closing Comments**

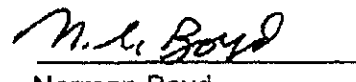
- None to report.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2023.

  
Cynthia Rucker  
Secretary

  
Norman Boyd  
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 Agenda

#2 List of Attendees

#3 Medical Assistance Plans, Comprehensive Supports (COMP) Waiver Program  
Rate Increase Public Notice