

Board of Community Health  
Meeting  
June 13, 2013

**Members Present**

Norman Boyd  
Jamie Pennington  
William Wallace  
Jack Chapman  
Mimi Collins  
Clay Cox  
Kiera von Besser

**Members Absent**

Donna Moses  
Rick Jackson

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 David A. Cook 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). Vice Chairman Bill Wallace presided and called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the May 9, 2013 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**Committee Reports**

Chairman Boyd called on Mr. Wallace to give the report of the Policy Committee. Mr. Wallace stated that the Policy committee received an update on the Affordable Care Act and how it affects Georgia. The Presentation was made by Cindy Gillespie, Dennis white and, from McKenna, Long and Aldridge. The discussion consisted of the Initial intent of the ACA, how that has changed and where it will go from here.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Cook stated that there were five action items for the consideration of the Board today.

Commissioner Cook called on Tim Connell, Chief Financial Officer to present Federally Qualified Health Center and Rural Health Clinic rate Increase Public Notice. Mr. Connell explained that the federal government has criteria for primary care providers to qualify as FQHCs, hospital based RHCs or freestanding RHCs. By qualifying under the federal guidelines, these providers receive enhanced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. The federal Prospective Payment System locks FQHCs/RHCs enrolled in Medicaid prior to FY01 into a payment based on their cost in 1999-2000. These payments may no longer represent their cost. The Department of Community Health is proposing an alternative method of payment to those providers that are paid less than the statewide average rate. This method would raise their reimbursement rate to the current Medicaid state average Prospective Payment System. These changes are called for in the recently enacted State Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Act and are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. An opportunity for public comment was held on May 16, 2013 and no one appeared to voice a comment, and no written comments were submitted to the Board. Ms. Pennington MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption, the Federally Qualified Health Center and Rural Health Clinic rate Increase Public Notice. Ms. Von Besser SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Federally Qualified Health Center and Rural Health Clinic rate Increase Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

Chairman Boyd called on Tim Connell, Chief Financial Officer to present the Executive Director of the Dental and Pharmacy Boards for approval. Mr. Connell stated that HB 132, relating to State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Dentistry are being transferred administratively from the Secretary of State to the Department of Community Health. He further stated that the Department has met with representatives of each board and all stakeholders are continuing to work with each board to coordinate a smooth transition. The Georgia Board of Dentistry and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy have both approved Ms. Tanja Battle to serve as the Executive Director. Dr. Chapman MADE a MOTION that the Board adopt the resolution affirming the appointment and compensation of Ms. Battle as Executive Director of the Georgia Board of Dentistry and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Pennington SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Resolution affirming the appointment of Ms. Battle as Executive Director of the Georgia Board of Dentistry and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

Chairman Boyd called on Liz Brady, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, to present the SHBP State Employees Plan Employer Contribution Rates for Fiscal Year 2014. Ms. Brady explained that the State Employees plan Contribution Rate for FY 2014 was established at 30.781% of the total salaries in the Appropriations Act of 2014. Variable rates are not anticipated at this time, but should the need arise the resolutions authorizes adjustments provided the year end as set forth in the appropriations act. Ms. Pennington MADE a MOTION that the Board adopt the resolution. Mr. Chapman SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the SHBP State Employees Plan Employer Contribution Rates for Fiscal Year 2014 is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

Ms. Brady presented the SHBP Teachers Plan Employer Contribution Rates for Fiscal Year 2014 and Non-Certificated Public School Employee Plan Employer Contribution Rates. Ms. Brady stated that there are three components to this resolution: a non-library employer contribution rate for the Teachers Plan, a library employer rate for the Teachers Plan and a Non-Certified employer contribution rate to the Non-Certified Public School Employee Plan. Billing for employer contributions to the Teachers Plan moved from a percentage of state-based salaries or total salaries for employers in the Teachers plan to billing a Per Member Per Month (PMPM) in July 2012. This billing is referred to as "Direct Bill." The Goal of the department is to achieve parity in employer contribution rates. Given the wide discrepancy of rates, parity will need to be achieved over time. Ms. Pennington MADE a MOTION that the Board adopt the resolution. Mr. Chapman SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the SHBP Teachers Plan Employer Contribution Rates for Fiscal Year 2014 and Non-Certificated Public School Employee Plan Employer Contribution Rates is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

Chairman Boyd called on Jerry Dubberly, Chief of Medicaid, to present an 1115 Demonstration Research Waiver for Medicaid Members in Foster Care and Adoption Assistance. 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 are scheduled. The first one on Monday June 24, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., in Macon, Georgia and the second will be held here at DCH on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. There will be a 30 day comment period prior to submitting the waiver

to CMS for approval. Ms. Collins MADE a MOTION that the Board approve for initial adoption 1115 Demonstration Research Waiver for Medicaid Members in Foster Care and Adoption Assistance. Mr. Cox SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the 1115 Demonstration Research Waiver for Medicaid Members in Foster Care and Adoption Assistance is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

Chairman Boyd recognized the Commissioner for personal comments.

Commissioner Cook advised the board that this would be his last board meeting. He indicated that he was resigning his position as Commissioner effective July 1 so that he could accept an appointment to become the Secretary of the Georgia Senate. Mr. Cook indicated that this position was of interest to him as he began his career in the Senate 37 years ago.

Mr. Cook stated that serving the people of Georgia as Commissioner of DCH, under the leadership of Governor Deal, has been a tremendous experience and that he was deeply grateful to Governor Deal for extending to him this high honor and privilege.

Commissioner Cook thanked Chairman Boyd and members of the board for the support they have shown him over the years. He also thanked the staff for their support and indicated that the many accomplishments of the department could not have been achieved without their dedicated hard work.

Commissioner Cook indicated that Governor Deal has appointed Commissioner Clyde Reese to succeed him as DCH Commissioner. Commissioner Reese and Commissioner Cook have had several meetings and smooth and successful transition is expected.

Chairman Boyd presented a Resolution commending Commissioner Cook for his Service and Dedication as Commissioner of the Department of Community Health.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 27th DAY OF June, 2013.

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Norm Boyd  
Chairman

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Jamie Pennington  
Secretary

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Federally Qualified Health Center and Rural Health Clinic rate Increase Public Notice
- #4 Resolution affirming the appointment of Ms. Battle as Executive Director of the Georgia Board of Dentistry and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy
- #5 SHBP State Employees Plan Employer Contribution Rates for Fiscal Year 2014
- #6 SHBP Teachers Plan Employer Contribution Rates for Fiscal Year 2014 and Non-Certificated Public School Employee Plan Employer Contribution Rates
- #7 1115 Demonstration Research Waiver for Medicaid Members in Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Public Notice