

Board of Community Health
Meeting
October 11, 2012

Members Present

Ross Mason
Norman Boyd
Jack M. Chapman, M.D
Clay Cox
Jamie Pennington
Rick Jackson
William Wallace
Kiera von Besser
Donna Moses

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 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). Chairman Ross Mason called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Committee Reports

Chairman Mason stated that the Policy Committee discussed ways to improve the Healthcare system in Georgia.

Dr. Chapman, Chairman of the Care Management Committee gave a detailed report on aged groups and CMO vs fee for service.

Chairman Mason announced the FY13 Committee appointments as follows:

Care Management – Jack Chapman, Chairman
Kiera von Besser
Rick Jackson

Audit – Norm Boyd, Chairman
Clay Cox
Donna Moses

Policy – Ross Mason, Chairman
Jamie Pennington
Bill Wallace
Rick Jackson

Minutes

The Minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Vice Chairman Boyd assumed the chair.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Cook stated that there are several action items on the agenda today. The proposed changes in Personal Care Home rules were presented about two years ago and the department has done substantial amount of work to bring about changes for this presentation. There are housekeeping items related to State Health Benefit Plan and Integrated Eligibility on the agenda. The Chief Financial Officer will be presenting work on the Medicaid budget with some of the savings that we were asked to propose to comply with the three percent reduction in the department's budget.

Brian Looby, Chief Healthcare Facility Regulations, stated that the Department of Community Health proposes to change many of the rules and regulations for Personal Care Homes. The changes that are being proposed include new health and safety requirements for personal care homes concerning training for medication management, infection control, staffing and disclosure requirements for services provided. Additionally, some changes recommended arise from the passage of HB 1040 regarding proxy caregivers and SB 178 regarding meaningful distinctions in levels of care and the need to update references to Georgia laws. The Department has worked with a cross-section of stakeholders, personal care home providers, advocates for the aging and family members to address the proposed changes. Mr. Looby and Sharon Dougherty answered questions from the Board members. MS. PENNINGTON MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the Proposed Rule Changes for Personal Care Homes. MS. MOSES SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Proposed Rule Changes for Personal Care Homes is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

Alison Earles, Esq., presented the State Health Benefit Plan Resolution for Withdrawal of School Systems from the Plan. Ms. Earles explained the policies associated with withdrawal and answered questions from the Board. MR. CHAPMAN MADE a MOTION to adopt the State Health Benefit Plan Resolution – Withdrawal of School Systems.

MR. COX SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the RESOLUTION was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. (A copy of the State Health Benefit Plan Resolution – Withdrawal of School Systems is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

Alison Earles, Esq., presented the State Health Benefit Plan Resolution for Withdrawal of State Authorities from the plan. Ms. Earles explained the policies associated with withdrawal and answered questions from the Board. MR. JACKSON MADE a MOTION to adopt the State Health Benefit Plan Resolution – Withdrawal of State Authorities. MS. VON BESSER SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the RESOLUTION was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. (A copy of the State Health Benefit Plan Resolution – Withdrawal of State Authorities is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

Vince Harris, Chief Financial Officer presented the Integrated Eligibility System Resolution. Mr. Harris explained that the General Assembly appropriates funds for the Department of Community Health to request issuance of general obligation debt for certain projects. By adopting this resolution the department is able to secure funds for the Integrated Eligibility System project. DR. CHAPMAN MADE a MOTION to adopt the Integrated Eligibility System Resolution. MS. VON BESSER SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the RESOLUTION was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. (A copy of the Integrated Eligibility System Resolution is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #6)

Mr. Harris presented the Medicaid APC Grouper Public Notice for initial adoption. Mr. Harris explained that on July 1, 2013 Outpatient Hospital reimbursement rates will move to a prospective reimbursement system known as Ambulatory Payment Classification Grouper (APC Grouper). APC Grouper methodology will replace current reimbursement methodology for Hospital Services. APC Groupers are currently being used by Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services for Outpatient hospital services, therefore hospitals are familiar with the methodology. MS. PENNINGTON MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the Medicaid APC Grouper Public Notice. DR. CHAPMAN SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Medicaid APC Grouper Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

Mr. Harris presented the DRG Rebasing Public Notice for initial adoption. The department is proposing changes to the Inpatient Hospital Prospective Payment System Methodology. This change in methodology would rebase current Diagnosis-Related

Group Classification System from 2008. DRGs are designed to classify hospital claims based on factors of diagnosis, procedures, age, sex, discharge status and co-morbidities. MS. MOSES MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the DRG Rebasing Public Notice. MR. JACKSON SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the DRG Rebasing Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

Mr. Harris presented the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY13 and FY14 Public Notices. Reimbursements to Nursing Facilities are based on cost that are categorized by five cost centers; Routine and Special Services, Dietary, Laundry and Housekeeping, Operations and Maintenance, Administrative and General, and Property and Related. On July 1, 2009 the Fair Rental Value reimbursement became the basis for reimbursing the Property and Related component of nursing facilities in the state. A portion of the costs is generated through the nursing home provider fee. Fair Rental Value methodology reimburses nursing facilities based on their current values. Cost per square foot is a determining factor used to calculate a nursing facility's current value. The Department of Community Health is facing a budget deficit that requires the department to cut cost in FY13 and FY14 budgets. The department is proposing reverting to the 2011 reimbursement methodology through the nursing home provider fee. DR. CHAPMAN MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY13 Public Notice. MR. WALLACE SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY13 Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

MS. PENNINGTON MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption, the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY14 Public Notice. DR. CHAPMAN SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY14 Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

Mr. Cox recognized Senator Renee Unterman, in attendance at the Board meeting.


Mr. Wallace congratulated Mr. Mason upon being featured in Georgia Magazine in an article titled "Resolved, for good" which highlights accomplishments in Chairman Mason's life. Mr. Wallace also recognized Governor Nathan Deal for proclaiming October 8-13 as Homeless Awareness Week and the Cobb County Commission and


Kennesaw City Council for issuing proclamations in support of recognizing the growing problem of homelessness in this State. Mr. Wallace challenged the Board to demonstrate compassion to the homeless.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Vice Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF November, 2012.


JAMIE PENNINGTON
Secretary


ROSS MASON
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Proposed Rule Changes for Personal Care Homes
- #4 State Health Benefit Plan Resolution – Withdrawal of School Systems
- #5 State Health Benefit Plan Resolution – Withdrawal of Authorities
- #6 Integrated Eligibility System Resolution
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- #8 DRG Rebasing Public Notice
- #9 Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY13 Public Notice
- #10 Nursing Home Fair Rental Value Adjustment FY14 Public Notice