

Board of Community Health
Minutes
March 8, 2012

Members Present

Ross Mason (via tele-conference)
Norman Boyd
Jack M. Chapman, M.D.
Clay Cox
Hannah Heck
Archer Rose
William H. Wallace, Jr.

Members Absent

Inman C. "Buddy" English, M.D.
Jamie Pennington

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 Boyd called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

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The Minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED and ADOPTED.

Committee Reports

Ms. Heck stated that the Care Management Committee met this morning and received an update on the CMOs statewide expansion and stabilization. She further stated that the Committee discussed the Medicaid Redesign and the establishment of the task force committees.

Dr. Jerry Dubberly, Chief, Medical Assistance Plans, presented the CHIP Rate Increase Public Notice for final adoption. This increase came about by federal law allowing state employees to enroll their children who were previously covered by SHBP into the PeachCare® for Kids Program. The Department is aware that the rate paid to providers was traditionally higher under the SHBP than under PeachCare® for Kids. This action is to mitigate to the impact that the providers would realize and to help insure access to

the members who are transitioning to PeachCare® for Kids. This rate increase involves two categories of services; physician services, as well as inpatient hospital services. During the public comment period, the department received one oral and one written comment. Both were supportive of the proposed rate increase but one did request additional consideration for non emergency use of emergency room services. It was pointed out that in the SHBP coverage there was incentive for cost restraints for non-emergency use of the emergency room that was not present in the PeachCare® for Kids program. The Department appreciates the response from participants and seeks your favorable consideration for the rate increase. Dr. Chapman MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the CHIP Rate Increase Public Notice. Mr. Cox SECONDED the MOTION. On the motion the yeas were 7 and nays, 0 and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the CHIP Rate Increase Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Mr. Vince Harris, Chief Financial Officer, presented the SHBP Employer Contribution Rate Change Resolution. Mr. Harris explained that the resolution lowers the employer contribution rate for the teachers' to 3.89% for the last quarter of Fiscal Year '12. This keeps the fiscal year contributions in compliance with the appropriations act for the current year. The board front loads funds at the beginning of the year and then the rate is reduced for the last quarter to stay compliant with funds allotted. Ms. Heck MADE a MOTION to approve for adoption the SHBP Employer Contribution Rate Change Resolution. Mr. Rose SECONDED the MOTION. On the motion the yeas were 7 and nays, 0 and the MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the SHBP Employer Contribution Rate Change Resolution – Contribution to Teachers Plan is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Mr. Scott Frederking, Budget Director, presented an update on the budget. He stated that neither the FY13 Budget nor the FY12 amended budget have passed, but are making progress. The House and Senate have both passed their own versions of the FY12 amended budget; however, since there are differences the bill will have to go to a Conference Committee. The key part of the difference as it related to the Department of Community Health is the capitation payments made to Medicaid CMOs. The House passed the FY13 Budget yesterday and the Senate will probably take it up on the next legislative day, then the bill will go to conference to iron out the differences. It is too early to state the outcome, but the Department is confident that it will have to request additional funds in the amended FY13 budget. At next month's Board meeting the legislative session should be over and a much more concise update for the budget of DCH will be presented.

Mr. Jesse Weathington, Director, Legislative and External Affairs, presented an update on legislation. He stated that he would give a brief overview of the key bills that affect the department. He further stated that he would look forward to delivering a comprehensive report at the next Board meeting after the General Assembly has adjourned. Mr. Weathington thanked the Commissioner and colleagues on the Department Management Team and the team in the office of Legislative and External Affairs for their assistance. He further stated that both of the bills initiated by the Department of Community Health have cleared their original chambers. HB 1110 pertaining to Personal Care Homes which ends the grace period loophole and gives the board authority to add to list of disqualifying criminal offenses for owners, operators and employees of residential care facilities. It also creates the crime of operating an unlicensed personal care home in addition to addressing a constitutional challenge to the elder abuse law and allows the GBI jurisdictional oversight of elder abuse. SB 407 repeals code sections that established two advisory boards that no longer function; Health Strategies Council and Clinical Laboratory, Blood Bank, and Tissue Bank Committee. Other high visibility legislation for the Department includes SB 438 which states that no plan under SHBP shall contain coverage for abortion services except in emergency situations. SB 292 concerning TANF drug screening still contains language allowing beneficiaries to use their coverage to pay for drug screening but is an open question as to whether screening should be allowed coverage under the state plan. Both bills have passed the Senate.

Ms. Kelly Gonzalez, Interim State Health Information Technology Coordinator, stated that DCH has a quarterly Town Hall meeting for Health IT and this quarter will be presenting the first annual E-Health Summit. The summit will show case Health IT work being done within the state and in the private sector. That presentation will include tele-medicine, Health Information Exchange, work that is being done in private practices as well as large groups and hospitals. The event will begin with videotaped remarks from the Governor. Other speakers include the Commissioner and Board member Jack Chapman, M.D., Dennis White, Chairman of the Georgia Health Information Exchange, and Dominic H. Mack, M.D., Deputy Director, National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine. There will also be presentations from Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services leadership along with other groups from around the state. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Kolodner, former National Coordinator for Health IT. The event will take place on Monday, March 12, 2012, beginning with a continental breakfast at 7:30 and lasting the whole day. The location for the event is the Georgia Tech Conference Center. The event will also be accessible on line.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Vice Chairman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12th DAY
OF April, 2012.



Norm Boyd
Vice Chairman - Presiding



ARCHER R. ROSE
Secretary

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 CHIP Rate Increase Public Notice
- #4 SHBP Employer Contribution Rate Change Resolution