

Board of Community Health
Meeting
April 9, 2015

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Donna Moses
Michael Kleinpeter
Russ Childers
Allana Cummings
Roger Folsom

Members Absent

Rick Jackson
Kiera von Besser
Clay Cox

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), 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 Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

Chairman Boyd informed the Board that all three Committees met this morning (Audit, Policy and Care Management) and each will present a summary of their meeting to the Board.

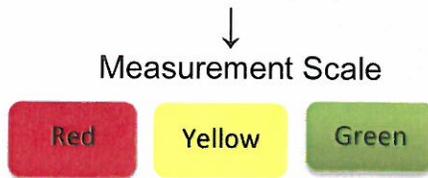
Committee Reports

Audit Committee Chairman, Norm Boyd shared the following topics of discussion from their meeting:

FY2014 Audit

- An informational overview of the Audit process

- Five audit Findings (material)



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- Eight Management Points

Policy Committee Member, Russ Childers shared the following topics of discussion from their meeting.

Guest speaker, Charles Owens, Executive Director, State Office of Rural Health presented to the Committee an overview of the following:

- Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee
- Progress in critical access programs across the State

Care Management Committee Chairman, Michael Kleinpeter shared the topics of discussion from their meeting.

Three presentations made:

- Dr. Janice Carson, Deputy Director, Performance Quality & Outcome Unit- Annual performance measurements, wellness, woman's care, chronic diseases and GA Families
- Lynnette Rhodes, Deputy Director, Medicaid Operations Contract Compliance- Update on the credentialing process; improvements made in 2013 and the new process slated to begin in July 2015
- Linda Wiant, Chief of Medical Assistance- Medicaid statistics and expenditures

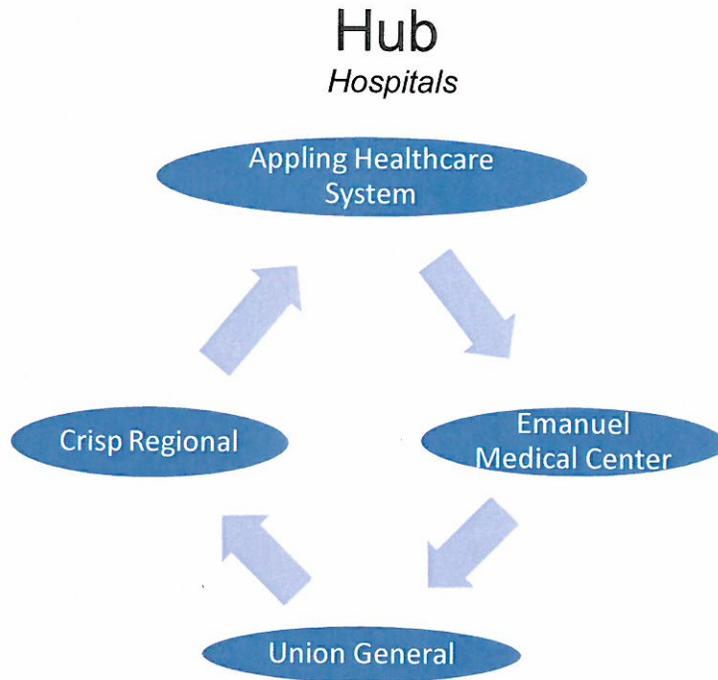
Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Reese thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their attendance.

Commissioner Reese updated the Board on the following items:

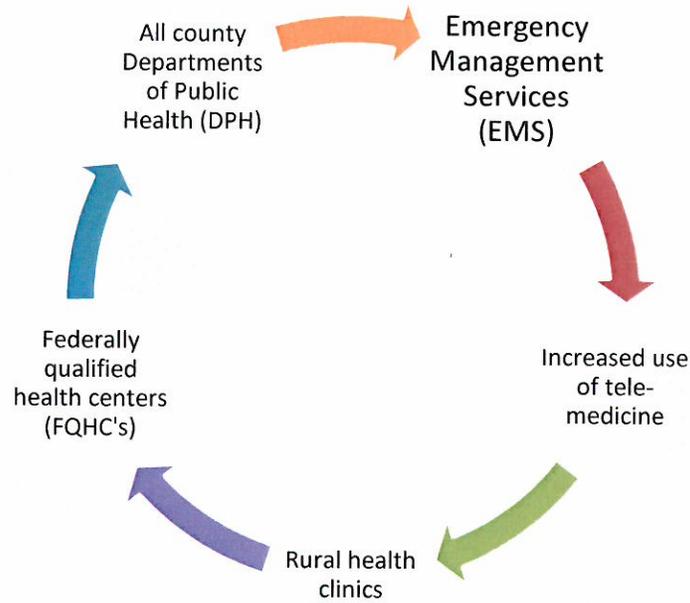
1. Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee (RHSC):
 - The Committee produced a report to the Governor in February.

- Four pilot projects were produced around the State:



Spokes

Includes all of the components of healthcare in these communities



Plan: To create a community healthcare system that entails the stabilization of small financially distressed hospitals as well as access to healthcare in rural areas.

Goal: To obtain information and performance measures for pilots that can be replicated throughout the State to ensure that no matter where you're located you will have access to affordable quality healthcare.

- 1st Kick-off Session took place on April 7th in Forsyth, Ga: 8-13 representatives from the Pilot Projects discussed how they will work together in their communities and across the State to further this initiative.

The Governor asked for \$3 million to be appropriated for this Project. The RHSC has also solicited private donations.

2. May 14, 2015 Board Meeting:

- Budget Presentation (Tim Connell, Chief Financial Officer)
- Legislative Update (Lavina Luca, Deputy Director, Legislative and External Affairs)
- 6-7 Medicaid public notices

3. Governor's Budget Recommendations:

- The Department is currently working on a study of the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) to analyze the cost and benefits of services provided within the Plan. The study includes, the cost of the SHBP compared to other plans within Georgia such as the Board of Regents health plan, cost and services compared to other states and the long-term viability of the plan. There will also be focus on what the plan includes, should include and the financial health. This study will be submitted to the General Assembly by June 30, 2015.

The Department is also looking at alternative models to provide the same insurance benefits to public school teachers, state employee and non-certificated employees in a cost effective manner.

4. Procurement Update:

New Care Management Organizations (CMO's)

1. WellCare
2. Peach State
3. Amerigroup

- The contract effective date will be July 1, 2016. The procurement is currently in the stage where all communication is filtered to the Department's issuing officer at the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). The goal was to receive proposals from bidders until the first week in May, evaluate and make a decision on new vendors by the end of June allowing a one year transition period between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016. The announcement date will have to be pushed back to early September due to a tremendous volume of questions(365) received from bidders, which is a part of the questions and answers process built into the procurement. There will still be at least a nine month implementation period.

5. Personnel Updates:

- At the March 12, 2015 Board meeting Commissioner Reese indicated that he announced that Linda Wiant will be the new Chief of Medical Assistance effective March 16, 2015. Ms. Wiant was not present at that meeting, so Commissioner Reese asked Ms. Wiant to please stand and be publically recognized.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Norm Boyd welcomed Linda Wiant.

Laura Ellis, Chief, Division of Health Information Technology, presented an overview of the Office of Health Information Technology (HIT) and Georgia Health Information Network (GAHIN).

HIT is a set of technologies that makes it possible for providers and patients/consumers to better manage one's care through secure use and exchange of health information. These technologies include:

- Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- Health Information Exchanges
- Personal Health Records (PHR)
- Mobile health apps, "smart" ePrescribing
- TeleHealth
- Digital health devices
- Health informatics

Funding and oversight of HIT is provided by the Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

HIT works with public and private entities to facilitate various aspects of the Health IT infrastructure throughout Georgia. This includes strategic planning and setting of

technology standards as well as promotion of an overall statewide health IT strategy in Georgia. The division is directly responsible for administration of the EHR Medicaid Incentive Program (MIP) which provides financial incentives to eligible professionals and hospital to assist with their adoption of certified HER systems. As of January 2015 the program has disbursed a total of \$240,419,023.05 in incentive payments. The division also partnered with the Georgia Health Information Network (GaHIN), a non-profit organization, to build a statewide health information network that allows the sharing of selected health documents between eligible professionals. As of February 2015 GaHIN supports:

- 23 Hospitals
- 6,303 Providers
- 5 State Agencies
- 7 Regional Health Information Exchanges

(A copy of the overview of the Office of Health Information Technology (HIT) and Georgia Health Information Network (GAHIN) is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Vince Harris, Chief Information Officer, presented an overview of the Office of Information Technology (IT) and the responsibilities of the six sections that make up the Office of Information Technology.

Six sections:

- Medicaid Management Information System(MMIS)
- Technical Team
- Decision Support System(DSS)
- Information Security Office(ISO)
- Medicaid Information Technology Architecture Team(MITA)
- Solutions Team

The responsibilities focus on developing and supporting the technical needs of the agency.

(A copy of the overview of the Office of Information Technology (IT) is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Mary Scruggs, Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation Division presented a summary of the public comments the Department received for the proposed revised Rules and

Regulations for Hospices, Chapter 111-8-37. As a result of the public comments, the Department recommended additional revisions to the hospice regulations, which were presented to the board for initial adoption. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-2-4, 31-2-5, 31-2-7 and 31-7-170 et seq., the Georgia Hospice Law.

Board members were provided a copy of the public comments, a summary of the public comments with the Department's recommendations as well as the proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the following additional revisions were highlighted:

- Adding requirement for hospice to post the following information in a public area at the facility: (a) a copy of the patient rights as outlined in Rule 111-8-37-.10(1); and (b) contact information, including the website address of the Department, for reporting complaints about hospice care to the Department;
- Adding requirement to extent infection prevention plan to families and visitors at
- the facility; and
- Correcting grammatical and numbering errors.

A public hearing to receive comments on the rules will be held on April 21, 2015 at 10:30 AM at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments may be submitted to the Department through April 22, 2015. The rules will be presented to the board for final adoption at the May 14, 2015 Board Meeting.

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Revision of Licensure Rules for Hospice Care Public Notice. Donna Moses SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 6, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Revision of Licensure Rules for Hospice Care Public Notice, Initial Adoption is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

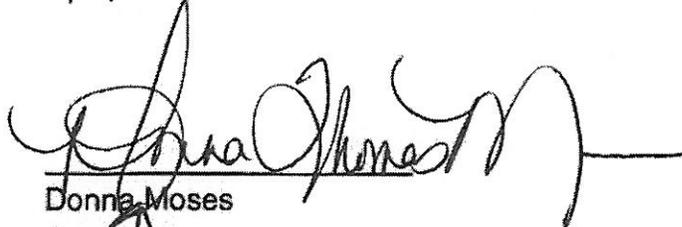
New Business

None to report.

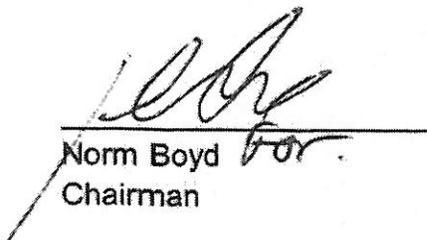
Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norm Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 9th DAY OF April, 2015.



Donna Moses
Secretary



Norm Boyd
Chairman

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Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Overview of the Office of Health Information Technology (HIT) and Georgia Health Information Network (GAHIN)
- #4 Overview of the Office of Information Technology (IT)
- #5 Revision of Licensure Rules for Hospice Care Public Notice, Initial Adoption