

Board of Community Health  
Meeting  
March 12, 2015

**Members Present**

Norman Boyd  
Clay Cox  
Michael Kleinpeter  
Russ Childers  
Allana Cummings  
Roger Folsom  
Kiera von Besser  
Donna Moses

**Members Absent**

Rick Jackson

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 10:35 a.m.

**Minutes**

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

**Opening Comments**

Chairman Boyd advised that the Board Committee positions have been reorganized and that Commissioner Reese will disclose the new Committee compositions in his report.

**Committee Reports**

None to report.

**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. New Board Committee Compositions:

**Policy:**

- Clay Cox, Chair
- Rick Jackson, Member
- Russ Childers, Member

**Care Management:**

- Michael Kleinpeter, Chair
- Allana Cummings, Member
- Kiera von Besser, Member

**Audit:**

- Norman Boyd, Chair
- Donna Moses, Member
- Roger Folsom, Member

Commissioner Reese informed the Board that all three Committees will meet in April for informational and infrastructure purposes.

2. Legislative Updates:

- General Assembly is in progress. Tomorrow marks day 30 (crossover day), which is the last day for legislation to pass the chamber in which it was introduced and transfer to the other chamber for consideration. Any bill that does not receive a vote in its initial chamber by Day 30 cannot move on in the legislative process and must be re-introduced the following year
- There are several portions of legislation that potentially impact the Department:
  - a. State Health Benefits bills
  - b. Certificate of Need (CON)
  - c. Budget issues related to Medicaid
- The Session is scheduled to end on April 3, 2015. There will only be 2-3 working days from the date Session is slated to end and the next scheduled Board meeting, therefore there will be a delay in the full comprehensive legislative and budget report to the Board until the May 12, 2015 Board meeting.

- Budget presentations:
  - a. AFY 15- Passed and signed by the Governor
  - b. FY 16 -The House has made recommendations and it is currently under consideration with the Senate
- Concerns expressed to the Senate:
  - a. Alleviated funds to cover new drugs to treat Hepatitis C, a high cost to both Medicaid and the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP)

*The Department asked the Senate to restore these funds*

- b. Alleviated \$12 million for the Aged Blind and Disabled (ABD) Care Coordination Program

Included in the proposed FY 16 budget was \$12.1 million as an initial investment to administer a voluntary program for ABD members to have enhanced case management. By FY 17 we will begin to see a net savings of approximately \$19 million. ABD is the most expensive population in Medicaid managed care. Currently they are in a fee for service Medicaid.

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### 3. Procurement:

- New Care Management Organizations (CMO's) - 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 is 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.

### 4. Personnel Updates:

- Commissioner Reese announced that Linda Wiant will be the new Chief of Medical Assistance effective March 16, 2015. Ms. Wiant is currently the Director of Pharmacy and has been with the agency since 2011. Commissioner Reese further stated that Ms. Wiant will be an asset in this new capacity and the Department is fortunate to have her in this role. Commissioner Reese indicated that Ms. Wiant was not present as she was advised to take a few days off before transitioning to her new role.

5. Condolence:

- Commissioner Reese asked Board Chair, Norman Boyd for permission to officially offer the Department's sympathy and condolences on the passing of Linda Womack, a longtime healthcare lobbyist who advocated passionately for Emory Healthcare and Emory University.

Chairman Boyd noted that the Board previously asked Commissioner Reese to include in the Board meeting agenda, activities and updates in various departments within the agency. At the February 12, 2015 Board meeting Marial Ellis, General Counsel presented an Overview of the Office of General Counsel. As a follow-up to that presentation, the Board asked for an overview in the area of fraud and abuse.

Donald E. Pollard, Jr., Esq., Inspector General, presented an overview of the Office of Inspector General (OIG). Mr. Pollard discussed the duties and responsibilities of eight (8) business units within the OIG which are comprised of:

- Office of Audits
- Data Integrity and Analysis
- Special Investigations
- Background Investigations
- Provider Enrollment
- Program Integrity
- Third Party Liability
- OIG Operations

The OIG safeguards the integrity of the Georgia DCH from risk internally and externally by identifying and responding to provider and member fraud, as well as other waste and abuse issues within the Medicaid program, and assists providers with education and corrective action. The OIG also serves as the gatekeeper for the enrollment of providers and practitioners for the Georgia Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® programs. The OIG is also responsible for the Third Party Liability (TPL) program which identifies, maintains and recovers third party resources which are liable for the medical cost of the Medicaid member.

In FY 2014, the OIG recovered \$69.9 million dollars through its Program Integrity and TPL programs. In addition, the OIG was able to save Georgia taxpayers over \$850 million dollars through cost avoidance by ensuring that Medicaid is payer of last resort.

(A copy of the Overview of the Office of Inspector General is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Shawn Walker, Director, Office of Strategic Management provided an overview of the Office of Strategic Management (OSM).

OSM was established in July 2014 and provides direct oversight of three Administrative areas within the division of Operations: the Office of Vendor Management, the Office of Support Services and the Strategic Management unit. OSM touches every department within DCH in some manner so it is essential that we provide optimal customer service by streamlining processes, ensuring transparency and applying practices consistently throughout the agency.

The Office of Vendor Management oversees vendor compliance with contractual obligations. Through this process, an internal contract owner is established who provides subject matter expertise as it relates to the contract. This resource also provides direct oversight of the vendor and its performance. This process also requires that each contract is assigned a risk level that is based upon the contract's cost, duration and consequence of failure. Contracts that are deemed high risk are monitored more aggressively than less risky agreements. In FY 14, we implemented an enhanced approach to monitoring high risk/high impact agreements whereby a team comprised of the contract owner and a vendor management professional jointly monitor these agreements. This team-based approach links the subject matter expertise with the compliance expertise to deliver a comprehensive assessment of the vendor's performance. This team administers all aspects of vendor monitoring, including: invoice reviews, procurement, development, corrective action plan monitoring and performance assessments. This approach has been successful in that the channel of communication between DCH and the contractor has improved and we have also seen less reported issues of non-compliant vendor performance.

The Office of Support Services handles various functions throughout the agency, including: mail services, asset management, business continuity/disaster recovery, facility and space management, and records management.

The Strategic Management unit oversees agency wide functions including: the strategic plan, agency dashboard and the enterprise policy initiative. The Strategic Plan is a four year plan that outlines the agency's goals and strategies in support of over-arching statewide goals. OSM works directly with divisions and senior leadership to develop and maintain this plan. Strategies are developed for each goal to reflect the approach to meeting the goal. These strategies are transformed into projects which are monitored through the agency's dashboard report. The dashboard is a project management tool that tracks the health status of each project. The statuses tracked

and reported include: time, resources, risks, issues and changes. Other elements are available and reported as needed. OSM works with the assigned project manager to address any status that has a yellow or red indicator. These indicators signals there is some delay or impediment to the project's success so the project managers must provide detailed information that not only explains the obstacle but also provides mitigation strategies that will resolve this issue. This dashboard is accessible to senior leadership as well as other project stakeholders. The enterprise policy initiative assists the agency in ensuring we have valid, contemporary policies that guide agency employee activities and performance. There are approximately 72 policies that will be reviewed and/or updated by the target date of December 31, 2015.

(A copy of the Overview of the Office of Strategic Management is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Shelia Alexander, Program Director, PeachCare for Kids presented a public notice for final adoption of Premium Changes in the PeachCare for Kids program.

The current premium rates listed in the state plan are listed in the chart below.

FPL	One Child	Family Cap
100-150%	\$10.00	\$15.00
151-160%	\$20.00	\$40.00
161-170%	\$22.00	\$44.00
171-180%	\$24.00	\$48.00
181-190%	\$26.00	\$52.00
191-200%	\$28.00	\$56.00
201-210%	\$29.00	\$58.00
211-220%	\$31.00	\$62.00
221-230%	\$33.00	\$66.00
231-235%	\$35.00	\$70.00

Effective April 1, 2015, the Department would like to change premiums for PeachCare for Kids to the following amounts in order to comply with Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirements and to implement changes suggested by auditors.

FPL	One Child	Family Cap
139%-158%	11.00	\$16.00
159%-170%	22.00	\$44.00
171%-190%	24.00	\$49.00
191%-210%	29.00	\$58.00
211%-231%	32.00	\$64.00
232%-247%	36.00	\$72.00

The Department held a public hearing on February 17, 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 to allow oral comments on the PeachCare for Kids® Premium Changes. The Department also provided an opportunity for written comments through February 24, 2015. No written or oral comments were received.

The Department asked for the Board’s favorable consideration and final adoption of the proposed premium changes.

Clay Cox MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Peach Care for Kids Rate Premium Increase Public Notice. Donna Moses SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Peach Care for Kids Rate Premium Increase Public Notice, Final Adoption is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

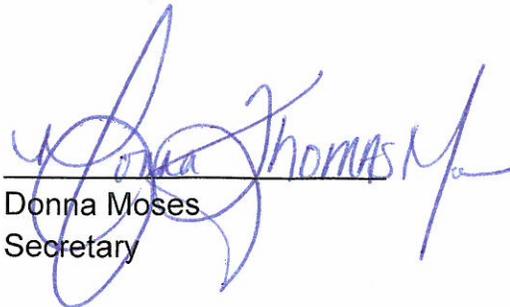
**New Business**

None to report.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norm Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12th DAY OF March, 2015.



Donna Moses  
Secretary



Norm Boyd  
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Overview of the Office of Inspector General (OIG)
- #4 Overview of the Office of Strategic Management (OSM)
- #5 Peach Care for Kids Rate Premium Increase Public Notice, Final Adoption