

Board of Community Health  
Meeting  
October 9, 2014

**Members Present**

Norman Boyd  
Clay Cox  
Michael Kleinpeter  
Kiera von Besser  
Donna Moses  
Allana Cummings  
Rick Jackson

**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 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). Interim Vice-Chairman Clay Cox presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the September 11, 2014 and September 30, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Opening Comments**

None to 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 welcomed new Board member, Michael Kleinpeter. Mr. Kleinpeter is a longtime Practice Administrator in the Savannah area and his Practice owns three hospitals in Georgia. Commissioner Reese further stated that the Department of Community Health (DCH) is honored to have him on the Board.

Mr. Kleinpeter expressed that he is honored and pleased to be a part of the DCH Board and is looking forward to serving.

Commissioner Reese publically recognized and thanked outgoing Board members, Bill Wallace, Vice-Chairman and Jamie Pennington, Secretary who were not reappointed to the Board. Commissioner Reese noted that Mr. Wallace and Ms. Pennington served the Board and the State with distinction.

Commissioner Reese updated the Board on the following items:

1. The State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP):

DCH is working towards open enrollment for the 2015 plan year. Numerous benefit fairs for members and retirees have taken place to educate the public so they can make the best plan option choices. The open enrollment period is October 27<sup>th</sup>-November 14, 2014.

2. Leadership Personnel Change:

Marcine Sullivan, Director of Procurement and State Purchasing Officer retired after working with the agency for 34 years.

Commissioner Reese announced that Arnita Watson will be the new Director of Procurement and State Purchasing Officer. Arnita Watson has worked in the area for many years and will be able to transition into this new role and keep the Department on target with various procurements.

3. Ebola Virus Outbreak:

The Department is working and communicating with hospitals around the state discussing their preparedness to deal with someone that may present viral symptoms. Hospitals that are required to conduct basic infection control should be able to handle someone presenting symptoms.

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health is overseeing the task of collaborating with hospitals and providing them with a level of comfort related to the services they will be able to provide.

Commissioner Fitzgerald will also be working on public outreach to ensure there is an understanding of what needs to be done, precautions to take and aspects not to be apprehensive about related to the virus.

Commissioner Reese stated that the Department is confident that the information that has been provided is accurate and our health system is prepared for any eventuality in regards to this virus.

James Peoples, Director of Transportation and Special Projects gave a briefing on the (DCH) Medicaid Non-Emergency and Exceptional Transportation Programs. The presentation highlighted key features of Medicaid transportation offered to members in Georgia. The highlights included:

- Who's eligible for transportation
- How the program operates
- Summary of the two transportation brokers contracted with DCH to provide transit
- How members can arrange transportation
- Special provisions of the program (including exceptions for foster kids)
- Challenges the transit programs face
- Key policy provisions
- Point of contacts for questions, issues, or problems with the transportation services offered by DCH

(A copy of the GA Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Broker Services presentation is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Marcey Alter, Medicaid Deputy Director, Aging and Special Populations presented an action for the Board's initial adoption to add a new skilled nursing service to the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP). The ICWP targeted to adults with significant physical disabilities, ages 21-64 at time of enrollment, currently includes skilled nursing, but it is reimbursed based on a daily episodic visit to provide acute treatment typically for no more than one hour in duration. This is not adequate to provide the skilled nursing services, monitoring and oversight needed by many of these members with complex medical conditions, particularly the young adults who have transitioned from the Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) Waiver. Therefore, with this waiver amendment we are proposing to add hourly skilled nursing services at a rate of \$10 per 15 minute unit for registered nurses or \$8.75 for a licensed practical nurse.

Providing skilled nursing on an hourly basis will allow individuals to receive a range of nursing treatment and support to maintain their safety and health. The full annualized cost impact of adding the hourly skilled nursing service is \$2,141,917 in State Funds and \$6,430,343 in Total Funds. These funds have been requested in the amended SFY15 and proposed SFY16 budget, both approved by the DCH Board.

A public hearing to receive comments will be held on October 16, 2014 at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. This public notice will be presented to the Board for final adoption on November 13, 2014.

Donna Moses MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP)-Skilled Nursing Public Notice. Rick Jackson SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP)-Skilled Nursing Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Mary Scruggs, Chief, Healthcare Facility Regulation Division presented the proposed Rules and Regulations for Adult Day Centers, Chapter 111-8-1, to the Board for initial adoption. The rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 49-6-80 et seq., the Adult Day Center for Aging Adults Licensure Act.

Adult day care centers provide services for less than 24 hours a day to aging adults pursuant to individual plans of care. Adult day centers may either be licensed as a social model or medical model. Pursuant to the social model, an adult day center may provide social activities, recreational activities, and limited personal care assistance for sustaining the activities of daily living. Pursuant to the medical model, the adult day center may provide the services of the social model and also rehabilitation and health services to restore or maintain optimal capacity for self-care.

A licensed adult day center may either operate at a single location or provide mobile services by traveling to off-site locations. The rules identify the requirements for obtaining licensure as well as the minimum standards governing the center's operation and provision of services. The rules further identify exemptions to the licensure requirements.

Subject to final adoption of the rules, the Healthcare Facility Regulation Division will:

- Receive and review licensure applications from existing and new adult day centers;
- Conduct initial inspections;
- Issue licenses and process licensure renewals for adult day centers on an annual basis; and
- Conduct complaint investigations and initiate enforcement action as appropriate.

A public hearing to receive comments on the rules will be held on October 30, 2014 at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. The rules will be presented to the Board for final adoption on November 13, 2014.

Kiera von Besser MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Adult Day Center Rules Public Notice. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 7, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of

the Adult Day Center Rules Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

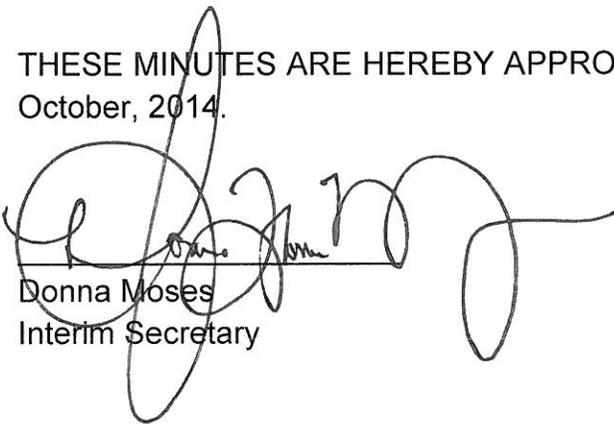
**New Business**

None to report.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Interim Vice-Chairman Clay Cox adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 9th DAY OF October, 2014.



Donna Moses  
Interim Secretary



Norm Boyd  
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 GA Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Broker Services
- #4 Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP)-Skilled Nursing Public Notice
- #5 Adult Day Center Rules Public Notice