

Board of Community Health
Meeting
September 10, 2015

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Clay Cox
Michael Kleinpeter
Russ Childers
Allana Cummings
Anthony Williamson
Mark Trail
Roger Folsom

Members Absent

Donna Thomas Moses

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). Vice-Chairman Clay Cox presided and called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the August 13, 2015 and August 27, 2015 meetings 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 updated the Board on the following items:

1. AFY16 and FY17 Budget:
 - As a result of the Board's approved action in August, the AFY 16 and FY 17 budget proposals were presented to the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB);
 - The Department's budget will be included in the larger state budget and then it will be presented to the General Assembly.

2. Procurement: Medical Review Vendor-Prior Utilization Management
 - This procurement has been posted;
 - The first round of questions have been submitted to the agency and first responses will be issued September 11, 2015.

3. State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) Open Enrollment:
 - October 19, 2015 through November 6, 2015;
 - The Department will remain focused on continuity and stability with vendor and plan options for 2016.

4. International Classification of Diseases Version 10 (ICD-10) Conversion:
 - Start date October 1, 2015;
 - The Department received an extension last year;
 - The Department is confident that large hospitals and systems as well as our agency are ready for this conversion;
 - There are some concerns about smaller practices and providers around the state;
 - Our agency has been very proactive in communicating that testing should be conducted;
 - In order to submit claims for payment; providers must be ICD-10 compliant for Medicaid;
 - An announcement was released earlier this week from our agency, Care Management Organizations (CMO's) and various medical associations reiterating the importance of testing and utilization of the training websites.

5. Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) Website Announcements:
 - Notice of Intent to Award- New CMO Contracts
 - a. WellCare
 - b. Peach State
 - c. Amerigroup-Selected vendor for Georgia Families 360° (The state's managed care program for children, youth and young adults in foster care, children and youth receiving adoption assistance and select youth involved in the juvenile justice system)
 - d. CareSource

This process continues under DOAS. More information will be announced about the selection and transition to the new contracts effective July 1, 2016 at the end of the process that DOAS supervises for state procurements.

Marcey Alter, Assistant Chief of Medicaid for Policy and Provider Services, presented to the Board a request for initial adoption the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice related to a reimbursement rate increase. The specific proposal is to increase by 75 cents per hour the rate for Personal Support Services provided under the ICWP, recipients of whom have severe physical disabilities or traumatic brain injury. The state legislature approved this increase in the FY2016 budget. Approval is also required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as well as by the DCH Board. The projected annual impact to the DCH budget is just over \$4 million annually in total value and just under \$2 million annually in state share.

A public hearing to receive comments will be held on September 15, 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 September 22, 2015. This public notice will be presented to the Board for final adoption at the October 8, 2015 Board Meeting.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice. Roger Folsom SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Rachel L. King, J.D., Executive Director of the Office of Health Planning, introduced two proposed rule amendments for initial adoption to the Board. The first proposed to amend the current Short-Stay General Acute Care hospital rule to permit a Certificate of Need (CON) authorized hospital-which is not a Short-Stay General Acute Care hospital to request a CON review and approval for the conversion to a Short-Stay General Acute Care hospital.

The second proposed to amend the rules concerning Commissioner Review of administrative decisions from the CON Appeal Panel to require objections and filings related to requests Commissioner Review to be filed with the Commissioner's Office on the 6th floor, where the Commissioner is located, instead of the 5th floor, as is currently provided for in the rule.

A public hearing to receive comments on the Rules and Regulations for Finality of Hearing Officer's Decision; Optional Review of Hearing Officer's Decision by

Department Commissioner Rule Change will be held on October 13, 2015 at 10:30 am and Rules and Regulations for Short-Stay Hospital Beds Rule Change on October 13, 2015 at 11:00 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 October 13, 2015. These rules will be presented to the Board for final adoption at the November 12, 2015 Board Meeting.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Rules and Regulations for Short-Stay Hospital Beds Rule Change, Public Notice. Russ Childers SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Short-Stay Hospital Beds Rule Change Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Rules and Regulations for Finality of Hearing Officer's Decision; Optional Review of Hearing Officer's Decision by Department Commissioner Rule Change. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Finality of Hearing Officer's Decision; Optional Review of Hearing Officer's Decision by Department Commissioner Rule Change Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

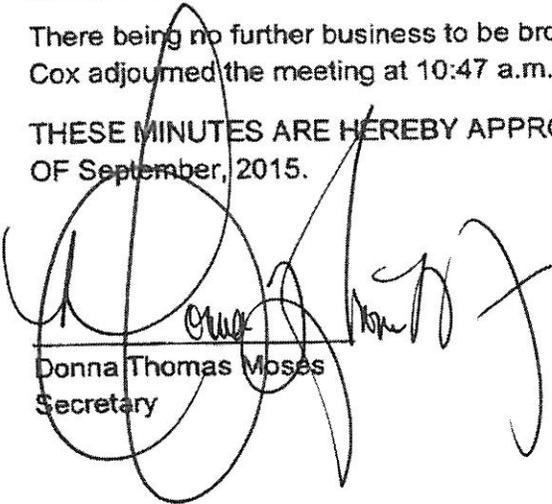
New Business

None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Vice-Chairman Clay Cox adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 10th DAY OF September, 2015.



Donna Thomas Moses
Secretary



Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice
- #4 Rules and Regulations for Short-Stay Hospital Beds Rule Change Public Notice
- #5 Rules and Regulations for Finality of Hearing Officer's Decision; Optional Review of Hearing Officer's Decision by Department Commissioner Rule Change Public Notice