

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING
April 20, 2018

DMA Kirby Building, 1825 Umstead Drive, Conference Room 132, Raleigh, NC 27699

TELECONFERENCE: 919-715-0769

The Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) met via teleconference on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

MCAC Members in Person: Gary Massey, MCAC Chairman

MCAC Members via Telephone: Marilyn Pearson, MCAC Vice-Chairman, Kim Schwartz, Samuel B. Clark, David Tayloe, William Cockerman, Stephen Small, Casey Cooper, Billy West, Linda Burhans, Ted Goins, Ivan Belov, Chris DeRienzo, David Sumpter, Paula Cox Fishman, Jenny Hobbs

MCAC Interested Parties: Sonia Frison, Sarah Pfau, Karen Kranbuehl, Brendan Riley

DMA Staff: Dave Richard, Jay Ludlam, Debra Farrington, Janice Norris, Pamela Beatty, Sharlene Mallette, Patrick Doyle, Virginia Niehaus

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Massey, MCAC Chair

- Gary Massey, MCAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. followed by a roll call of the members by Pamela Beatty. Quorum declared. Chairman Massey welcomed and thanked everyone for their participation. Chairman Massey called for a motion to approve the minutes from the quarterly face-to-face MCAC meeting held on March 16, 2018.
- Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ted Goins. Paula Cox Fishman seconded the motion. The March 16, 2018 MCAC meeting minutes were approved by the Committee.

OPENING COMMENTS

Dave Richard – Deputy Secretary, DMA

- Dave Richard gave opening remarks.
 - Dave announced that the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) current staff will transition to the Division of Health Benefits (DHB) on August 1, 2018. Dave stated that the change is administrative only and will not have an impact on operations.
 - Dave acknowledged the staff's dedication and reassured their continued employment, possibly with different roles once the transition happens.

MEDICAID ACCESS MONITORING UPDATE:

Terry Pennington- Bio Analytical Studies, DMA

- Terry Pennington provided the following details of the Access Monitoring Review Plan, (AMRP)
 - Discussed the timeline and requirements by CMS
 - What states are required to include such as primary care services including physicians, federally FQHCs, and LHDs.
 - Details for the Primary Care Physicians, Nurse Practitioners / Physician Assistants, Dental services, Urology and Home Health services for 2014-2016.
 - Dave Tayloe posed a question concerning access monitoring of newborns in Medicaid. Terry will research his question and provide a response at the next MCAC Meeting.

MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION UPDATE:

Jay Ludlam, Assistant Secretary, Medicaid Transformation, DHB

- Jay provided a Medicaid Managed Care Procurement status report, a CMS negotiations update, and an overview of the Medicaid Transformation concept papers and comments.
 - We hit an internal major milestone about a week ago, said Jay.
 - We received the Enrollment Broker (EB) responses to the request for proposal that we posted a little over a month ago and received responses from potential bidders.
- Jay addressed questions from Kim Schwartz about the timeframe of the EB award and its alignment with the rollout of the managed care contract. Kim stressed that we will need to make sure the award aligns with the managed care contract.
- Jay stated the EB should be ready six months prior to go live for Manage Care rollout.
- Jay provided the following updates:
 - The Managed Care RFP is still currently in development.
 - Managed Care will not release without integrated behavioral health as articulated by Secretary Cohen.
 - The following components will be met prior to releasing the RFP:
 - Standard and tailored plans proposed by the Department.
 - Statue needs appropriate licensure authority to be passed. The Division of Health Benefits (DHB) will continue to work with the Department of Insurance to come up with mutually agreeable language to address licensure and address Chapter 58 concerns providers may have.
 - CMS approval of the amended 1115 waiver.
 - Nine papers, including Quality Strategy, have been released. The comment periods have closed for some; others are still accepting responses.
 - There is no formal intention of publishing updated concept papers; we do not have the bandwidth due to finishing up the RFP. If there are dramatic changes, we will communicate what the change is.

MCAC SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATE:

Debra Farrington, Senior Program Manager, DHB

- Debra Farrington provided the following overview:
 - Debra identified six MCAC subcommittees that will focus on the Medicaid Transformation.
 - Final recommendations have not been made for the Provider Engagement and Behavioral Health IDD Subcommittees.
 - Debra stated that the following four subcommittees have already met: Credentialing, Network Adequacy, Beneficiary Engagement, Quality Strategy.

- The meetings have been highly successful with great participation. The participants are very knowledgeable about their area of expertise. Each subcommittee had at least one meeting.
- Debra commended the MCAC Subcommittee Co-chairs for giving their time with planning and leading the meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

CLOSING REMARKS

- Chairman Massey thanked everyone for their participation. He announced that guest speaker, Dr. Jim Johnson, will be added to the June 15, 2018, face-to-face meeting to discuss NC demographics and workforce recruiting.
- Chairman Massey reminded the group of the next teleconference meeting to be held on May 17, 2018 at 10:30 am.
- Chairman Massey instructed non-MCAC member participants on the call to send emails to Pamela Beatty stating their participation.

MEETING ADJOURNED