



# MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting minutes – 12/8/16**

**Virginia Community Healthcare Association  
3831 Westerre Parkway  
Henrico, VA 23233  
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

**The following CHIPAC members were present:**

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| • Michele Chesser       | Joint Commission on Health Care                                     |
| • Stephanie Sivert      | Virginia Department of Social Service                               |
| • Amy Edwards           | Virginia Department of Education                                    |
| • Denise Daly Konrad    | Virginia Health Care Foundation                                     |
| • Stephanie Lynch       | Virginia Association of Health Plans                                |
| • Dr. Nathan Webb       | Medical Society of Virginia   |
| • Rodney Willett        | Impact Makers   |
| • Shelby Gonzales       | Center on Budget and Policy Priorities                              |
| • Dr. Tegwyn Brickhouse | VCU Health  |
| • Michael Muse          | Virginia League of Social Services Executives                       |
| • Janet Lung            | Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services |

**The following CHIPAC members sent substitutes:**

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| • Jill Christiansen sent Rachel Lynch  | Partnership for Healthier Kids |
| • Jay Speer sent Sara Cariano          | Virginia Poverty Law Center    |
| • Marie Pokraka sent Mandy Wellons     | March of Dimes                 |
| • Dr. Karen Rheuban sent Rebecca Gwilt | DMAS Board Member              |

**The following CHIPAC members were not present:**

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| • Cornelia Deagle | Virginia Department of Health                |
| • Jennifer Wicker | Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association |

**The following DMAS staff members were in attendance:**

- Linda Nablo, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Dr. Kate Neuhauser, Medical Director
- Shelagh Greenwood, Marketing and Outreach Manager, Marketing and Enrollment Services Division

- Janice Holmes, Operations Manager, Marketing and Enrollment Services Division
- Rachel Beckner, Marketing and Outreach Communications Coordinator, Marketing and Enrollment Services Division
- Adrienne Fegans, Senior Program Advisor
- Valerie Collier, Quality Program Manager
- Tom Lawson

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Welcome**

Michele Chesser, Acting Chair of CHIPAC, called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm. Chesser welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

### **I. CHIPAC Business**

- A. Approval of Minutes – After changes were noted, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 8th, 2016 Quarterly CHIPAC meeting. The minutes were approved.
- B. Membership Subcommittee Update – Denise Daly Konrad, Membership Chair, gave an update on committee membership issues. Konrad welcomed Amy Edwards to the Executive Subcommittee. Konrad informed the group three vacancies still needed to be filled, referring members to the bios included in attendee packets. Those nominated included Ashley Everett of Voices for Virginia's Children, Lisa Dove of Virginia Community Healthcare Association, replacing Emily Roller, and Dr. Sandy Chung, replacing Dr. Bartle for the VA Chapter of the AAP. Motion to approve new members was approved.
- C. CHIPAC Dashboard Review – Chesser asked the committee to review the updated CHIPAC Priorities Dashboard. She focused discussion on the Mental Health section. Stephanie Lynch stated that the items currently listed were those based on her knowledge. Shelagh Greenwood asked the group what they would like to see measured. A lively discussion ensued regarding what information was available. It was noted that there are fewer measures for children than for adults. Denise Daly Konrad suggested that members send Greenwood a list of the top five indicators they would like to see measured, taken from the list of highlighted indicators provided by Magellan. Greenwood agreed to email members the previous mental health presentations for reference and request they send their five indicators within one month of the meeting. Ashley Everett spoke from the audience on what could potentially be collected on the Dashboard. She suggested the committee focus on broader, simpler categories, such as age, locality, or types of services. Everette agreed to provide further information on mental health, giving them a better understand to choose measureable outcomes.
- D. Other Business – There was no other business.

### **II. Legislative Update**

Michael Cassidy, President of The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis, filling in for Jill Hanken, presented a quarterly update on legislative issues as they related to the committee. Cassidy stated that he wanted to touch on two issues: "the brave new world" with regards to federal policy and the upcoming session in January. He informed the committee that CHIP reauthorization was coming up, with funding ending on December 9, 2016 but an expectation that funding would be approved until April 2017. Cassidy then brought the focus back to the

incoming administration and the very active debate to repeal the ACA. He stated that large aspects of the ACA could easily be repealed by a 50/50 margin, but it would be more likely if it were to be replaced that it would be after 2018. Cassidy also informed the committee that healthcare inflation far exceeds general inflation. He reminded the committee that the Governor's budget will be released December 16. Cassidy concluded by informing the committee that General Assembly session ends February 25.

Lynch asked what protections would be uncertain and what provisions or rules could be overturned by a new administration. Michael Cassidy clarified by stating that a new administration would have to undertake new rule making, as well as obtain reasonable rationale for why there should be a new law or change.

### **III. Plan First Presentation**

Adrienne Fegans, DMAS Senior Program Administrator, delivered a presentation on Plan First and what it offers individuals. She provided a description of differences between the program and full-benefit Medicaid, as well as, the steps used to clear up any confusion. Fegans asked the committee for additional suggestions to help clarify the limitations of the program; it was suggested that additional training for providers might be beneficial. Fegans agreed that providers may need more targeted training and would look into other suggestions provided.

### **IV. Measuring Quality in Medicaid/ CHIPAC Managed Care Presentation**

Valerie Collier, DMAS Senior Program Manager, presented data on 26 of the 80 quality measures provided on Medicaid/ CHIP Managed Care, focusing on those she thought would be most pertinent for the group.

### **V. ARTS, Pediatric Outcomes, Prenatal Care and What's New Presentation**

Dr. Kate Neuhausen, DMAS Medical Director, gave a presentation on the ARTS program, pediatric outcomes, as well as, updates within the medical community and DMAS' involvement. Dr. Neuhausen introduced her colleague, Dr. Kathleen Sardegna, a triple board-certified pediatrician, as the new Pediatric Medical Director at DMAS. She stated that there was now an entire team helping her in the division. Dr. Neuhausen provided an informative presentation regarding the ARTS program. She reminded the committee that society needed to start treating addicts as they treat diabetics, as individuals with a disease.

Dr. Neuhausen also informed the committee of several updates: a grant for telemedicine is in the works; the overdose reversal drug, Naloxone, has been approved by the FDA; and as of December 1, all health plans cover non-opioid pain relievers. Stephanie Sivert requested that a condensed version of the report between the two agencies be sent to DSS staff. Dr. Neuhausen agreed to make that available.

### **VI. DMAS Update**

Linda Nablo, Chief Deputy Director gave an update from DMAS. Nablo informed the group that many of Rebecca Mendoza's responsibilities were distributed and she would try to direct questions to the appropriate party. Nablo talked about the deemed newborns that have remained covered after they turned one year old. She stated that there currently is no cutoff date, but it is expected these children will be placed under a separate plan within the next year.

Nablo and Janice Holmes provided an update regarding system changes at CMS that caused no applications to come to Virginia from the Marketplace during the month of October. This subsequently created a backlog in Virginia, and CPU workers are managing the caseload appropriately.

Greenwood concluded by introducing Rachel Beckner as the new Marketing and Outreach Communications Coordinator, and offering an update on Marketing and Outreach activities.

## **VII. DSS Update**

Stephanie Sivert, Medical Assistance Unit Program Manager, gave an update from the Virginia Department of Social Services. She reported that there has been a delay in converting the SNAP and TANF data from ADAPT into the VaCMS system. She stated that this will now take place after the first of the year. Sivert informed the committee of the benefits of the new combined system, including using only one case manager, thus speeding up the overall process.

Sivert stated to the group that they have been working on increasing the visibility of Senate Bill 665, which will require all middle-schoolers to have a pre-participation physical. Making this a requirement would subsequently help to increase teen enrollment. Sivert added that they continue to make it a priority to inform superintendents and school leaders, using this requirement as another avenue to enroll this population.

Sivert concluded by informing the group that they are working with DMAS and have formed a workgroup to look into reducing the lengthy renewal application.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

There was no comment from the public

## **IX. Agenda for March 3rd, 2016 CHIPAC Meeting**

Chesser suggested that it would be helpful to have DMAS Behavioral Health and Magellan come to the March 3 meeting to talk about mental health.

## **Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.