

MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2019
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Maryland Department of Health
201 W. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-3
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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AGENDA

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Adult Dental – (Jill Spector, Director of HealthChoice and Acute Care Administration)
- III. Medicaid Provider Services Overview – (Molly Marra, Director of Medicaid Provider Services)
- IV. Session Roundup – (Stephanie Klapper, Maryland Citizens’ Health Initiative)
- V. Behavioral Health Update – (Barbara Bazron, Dep. Sec., Behavioral Health Admin.)
- VI. Medicaid legislative session overview – (Chris Coats)
- VII. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes – (Mark Leeds, Director, Office of Long Term Services and Supports)
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

Date and Location of Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 23, 2019
Maryland Department of Health
201. Preston Street, Lobby Conference Room L-1
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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Susan Phelps
Ms. Shannon Hall
Mr. Floyd Hartley
Ms. Linda Dietsch
Ms. Isabella Firth
Ms. Carmel Roques
Rachel Dodge, M.D.
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Winifred Booker, D.D.S
Mr. Vincent DeMarco
Ms. Donna Fortson
Mr. Ben Steffen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D
The Hon. Matthew Morgan
Travis Gayles, M.D.
Mr. Norbert Robinson
The Hon. Pat Young
The Hon. Joanne C. Benson
Ms. Kerry Lessard
Ms. Netsanet Kibret
Mr. C. David Ward
Mr. Eric Adler
Ms. Vickie Walters
Mr. Michael Spurrier
Ms. Karen Williams
Ms. Robin Moore

Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee

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Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sue Phelps, Interim Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:10 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the February 25, 2019 meeting as written. Ms. Elaine Zammett attended the meeting for Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Ms. Louise Baucom attended for Delegate Matthew Morgan.

Home and Community Based Settings

Rebecca Oliver, Office of Long Term Services and Supports, gave the Committee an overview of the Home and Community Based Settings (HCBS) Final Rule (see attached presentation).

Departmental Report

Mr. Dennis Schrader, COO and Medicaid Director, informed the Committee that he was recently at a National Governor's Association (NGA) meeting and there is a real challenge nationally for the middle class. Suddenly they can't take care of themselves and their only option is to give the government all of their resources. That is pretty traumatic. Medicaid needs to get a better understanding and get the perspective of members on this Committee on how to think about this going forward.

We are continuing with the reorganization and flattening of the Department which is ongoing. The focus is on program integrity and customer service.

We continue to work on our technology base. In April we will hold our second annual Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Transformation Summit. Although this project will take a number of years, the Department wants the results to be transparent.

The Planning Administration is now a part of the Office of the Medicaid Director and has been renamed the Office of Innovation, Research and Development. This office is focused on what will come in the future so the Department can continue to grow.

We have been working on integrating all of IT within the Health Department over the past 18 months. As you may know, Craig Smalls will be retiring at the end of the month. Mr. Smalls was Assistant CIO to Mr. Herb Jordan who is the CIO. We've been bringing in new people to support the organization and we have done some restructuring. We are surprised by Mr. Smalls' departure and are sad to see him go, but we have been anticipating the need for a more robust IT department.

We have broken Mr. Smalls' job into two pieces (1) Director of Modular Re-Development; and (2) Director of Operations. We also moved duties from the Assistant CIO that were not IT focused. Ms. Molly Marra is now the Director of Medicaid Provider Services. We have had

problems in the past with “problem resolution” and that has been reorganized. We did not have a great audit report and have for the last two years been trying to create internal controls within the Department generally and Medicaid specifically. Medicaid Finance now reports to the CFO and our Recovery Unit now reports to Medicaid Finance. Also, the pharmacy program reports directly to the Medicaid Director and covers all of Medicaid, not just fee-for-service. By having my personal attention, it sends a message at how serious pharmacy and drug costs are to this Department.

Behavioral Health Update

Ms. Cynthia Petion, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), informed the Committee that Maryland was awarded \$33 million State Opioid Response (SOR) grants and have recently been informed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that we will be receiving an additional supplement of \$17 million totaling \$50 million. The BHA has to submit a supplemental proposal on how we will utilize the additional funds by April 1, 2019. The supplemental funds will automatically be rolled over in the second year again so we will receive \$50 million for the second year as well. Committee members requested a breakdown of how much money went to each of the 24 jurisdictions and into what programs.

The focus for that over the next 18 months of implementation will include Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) with criminal justice re-entry, Naloxone distribution, care coordination, crisis walk-in stabilization, safe stations as well as expansion of Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Program (SBIRT) throughout Maryland.

Personnel update: BHA’s Acting Director, Office of Court Ordered Evaluations and Placements, is Bevin Merles, PhD. Dr. Merles is also the clinical psychologist for Spring Grove Hospital Center.

Parity Compliance Report

Ms. Tricia Roddy reported that the Department did an interim Mental Health Parity report back in the fall. The interim report focused on the issue of data collection. Our report stated the Department was out of compliance on Parity and the Department is working on a corrective action. We committed to work with stakeholders on de-linking data collection and authorization. The new request for proposal for the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization requires the vendor to establish a system that de-links data collection and authorization. Once a contractor is onboard we will gather stakeholders on this issue. Additionally, we are focused on improving the data elements collected. We will pull a stakeholder meeting together to discuss this as well. We are about to submit a final report on Mental Health Parity to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). It will be available on the web for stakeholders as well.

Legislative Update

Mr. Chris Coats informed the Committee that crossover was Monday, March 18, 2019 and there are approximately two weeks left to the end of session.

Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes

Mr. Mark Leeds, Director, Office of Long Term Services and Supports, informed the Committee of the following:

Regulations –There are quite a few chapters that are in play right now; no changes since last month. All of these have now been published, have had their public comment period and are being finalized.

State Plan Amendments – The Family Planning Services amendment is currently pending.

Waivers –There are three waivers for individuals with developmental disabilities that are moving together to create consistency among the services. They have just completed a comment period that ended March 2, 2019 and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) is now in the process of reviewing those comments and making the necessary revisions. The Department is hoping to have that back to submit by April 1, 2019. The Autism Waiver is up for renewal July 1, 2019 which we will also submit to CMS by April 1, 2019 to give them their 90 day review period. It is our goal to submit the 1915(i) for behavioral health by April 1, 2019 as well; there are some changes being made to the 1915(i) eligibility criteria.

Public Comments

Ms. Ellen Weber, Legal Action Center, provided comments on the Parity Compliance Report and Ms. Ann Ciekot, Maryland Chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence provided comments on SOAR grant funding for those released from incarceration.

Adjournment

Ms. Phelps adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.