

# MO HEALTHNET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

February 17, 2015  
1730 E. Elm Street, Lower Level  
Jefferson City, MO

## MINUTES

### Members in Attendance:

Margaret Benz  
Gerard Grimaldi  
Kecia Leary  
Timothy McBride  
Joseph Pierle  
Sen. Rob Schaaf  
Bridget McCandless

### DSS Staff in Attendance:

Andrew Bond, MHD  
Alyson Campbell, FSD  
Rhonda Driver, MHD  
Darin Hackmann, MHD  
Debbie Meller, MHD  
Joe Parks, MHD  
Jay Ludlam, MHD  
Chelsea Blair

### Others in Attendance:

Joel Ferber – LSEM  
Amanda Schneider – LSEM  
Steve Renn – MHA  
Meghan Elledge – Mosaic  
Mike Richard – Mosaic  
Durrie Bouscaren – KWMC  
Jacob Blanton – Rep. Kirkton's Office  
Karen Jones – Berry Dunn  
Roger Wong – WUSTL  
Nalini Tandon – WUSTL  
Trung Tran – WUSTL  
Karishma Furtado – WUSTL  
Melody Schaeffer – WUSTL

Rachel Davis – WUSTL  
Aaron Beswick – WUSTL  
Sarah Cokert-Fluchel – WUSTL  
Mayra Lopez – WUSTL  
Raven Johnson – WUSTL  
Naomi Lopez – WUSTL  
Austin Weserich – WUSTL  
John S. Lentz – WUSTL  
Mike Warend – WUSTL  
Andrew Torgerson – WUSTL  
Sarah Smith – WUSTL  
Leanne Peace – MOKP  
Nora Bock – DMH/DBH

**Welcome/Introductions/Minutes** – Dr. Tim McBride, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10 p.m. Minutes of the October 14, 2014, meeting was approved as submitted. The NEMT sub-committee has been formed but has not been able to meet as of this date. A meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible. Dr. McBride introduced students from Washington University who are taking one of his classes this semester on the implementation of the ACA.

**Director's Update** – Dr. Joe Parks, Director, MO HealthNet Division, provided a handout updating the 2015 legislative session of Bills affecting MHD. Also distributed and discussed was a Mercer report entitled: "Managed Care Cost Avoidance Model – Missouri Department of Social Services MO HealthNet Division and an article regarding Kentucky's Medicaid expansion entitled: "KY's Medicaid Expansion: 40,000 Jobs, \$30B Economic Impact."

**"Comparing Performance: Managed Care and Fee-For Service"** – Dr. Parks gave a PowerPoint presentation which was distributed and a discussion was held regarding how the data was obtained and if specific groups were excluded.

**Managed Care Dental** – Dr. Parks stated they are currently assessing the feasibility of system changes to the Managed Care/Adult Dental Program.

**Managed Care Update** – Susan Eggen gave a presentation on the MO HealthNet Managed Care Contract Procurement.

**Provider Directory Survey**- Susan Eggen, Assistant Deputy Director, MO HealthNet Division, provided an update on the provider directory survey. The MO HealthNet Managed Care, Contract Compliance Unit conducted a survey of the health plan’s provider panels in November and December 2013. The survey focused on verifying the provider’s address on the health plan’s website and if the provider was accepting new patients. A total of 621 providers were surveyed and staff identified 52.3% errors on the website (mostly incorrect addresses or open/closed panel status). In January 2014, corrective action plans were sent to the health plan’s outlining a process for monitoring and correcting the provider directory. In December 2014, a follow-up was conducted of each health plan’s directory and at the time, a 20% increase in accuracy was observed across all three health plans.

As a result of this survey, the Managed Care provider networks are receiving national attention. In December 2014, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) published a report which evaluated samples taken of 1800 primary care providers and specialists in 32 states providing Managed Care. The OIG has called for the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to work with states to improve oversight of the health plan networks. More details on this are available online.

**MO HealthNet Budget Update** – Andrew Bond, Director of Finance, MO HealthNet Division, presented on the MO HealthNet Budget. The presentation is available online.

**Public Comment** – Joel Ferber, Legal Aid Services of Eastern Missouri, was requested by Representative Kirkton to speak.

Meghan Elledge, Mosaic Healthcare, commented on how Mosaic has partnered with the Family Support Division. They are focusing on changes in how to address streamlining medical record requests, providing proper consents, and how to provide more community outreach.

**MO HealthNet Enrollment and MEDES Rollout** – Alyson Campbell, Family Support Division provided a handout and gave an overview of the current enrollment status for MO HealthNet, and gave an update on MEDES stabilization and performance, FFM account transfers, and other metrics.

**Hepatitis C Therapy**– Rhonda Driver, Deputy Division Director, MO HealthNet, provided a presentation and handout on Hepatitis C Therapy. In summary, Medicaid programs have to provide access to drugs with rebate agreements with HHS. MO HealthNet uses the Preferred Drug List solicitation process to make specific drugs (amongst equivalent drugs) “preferred.” Through this process, we have now made Viekira preferred in the Hepatitis C therapeutic class. Viekira is priced similarly to Sovaldi, but the supplemental rebate that Abbvie has agreed to provide will lower the net cost to the state by 30%-40% below the current cost of Sovaldi. Missouri will still have to provide Sovaldi to some clients who will not be able to take Viekira or will not benefit from it. Because savings are generated through the rebate process, savings will not be realized until 2016. An estimate of the increased rebate revenue is being calculated but is not yet available. Rhonda walked through criteria for coverage. The PowerPoint is available online.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.