

MO HEALTHNET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2015
1706 E. Elm St.
Jefferson City, MO

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Tim McBride
Carmen Parker-Bradshaw
Gerard Grimaldi
Margaret Benz
Jennifer Tidball for Brian Kinkade
Joe Parks
Mark Stringer

Members Absent:

Kecia Leary
Keith Frederick
Celesta Hartgraves
Joseph Keaveny
Jeanne Kirkton
Bridget McCandless
Joseph Pierle
Mark Sanford
Rob Schaaf
Ingrid Taylor
Gail Vasterling

DSS Staff:

Alyson Campbell, FSD
Jay Ludlam, MHD
Rhonda Driver, MHD
Samar Muzaffar, MHD
Andrew Bond, MHD
Darin Hackmann, MHD
Heather Dolce, DO
Debbie Meller, MHD
Chelsea Blair, MHD

Guests:

Brian Dobbins, Aetna
Stacy Schaub, Legal Aid
Jim Burns, CMS
Nora Bock, DMH
Vernon Smith, HMA
Evan Rushing, Alkermes
Susan Zalenski, Johnson & Johnson
Eric Gardner, Vertex
Brenden Cossette, MO PCA
Christine Thompson, OA B&D
Misty Snodgrass, MO CCBHC
Kim Brandt, Berry Dunn
Lisa Baird, Aetna
Patrick Moty, Supernus Pharma
Meghan Elledge, Mosaic Life Care
Lucas Caldwell-McMillan, LSEM

AGENDA

• **Welcome/Introduction/Minutes**

- Dr. Tim McBride, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10 p.m. Minutes of the February 17, 2015, meeting were incomplete due to a technical error. The minutes will be sent to committee members via email for review and approval.

• **NEMT Subcommittee Report**

- Dr. McBride gave a summary of the NEMT Subcommittee's first meeting. The Subcommittee members include: Dr. McBride, Kecia Leary, Representative Kirkton, Margaret Benz and Carmen Parker Bradshaw. Staff attending from the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) included: Rhonda Driver, Glenda Kremer, Nanci Nikodym, and Karen Pendleton. MHD staff provided a PowerPoint reviewing how NEMT functions, compliance data, and past complaints. The Subcommittee plans to organize another meeting to address issues and the upcoming contract renewal.

- **ACTION ITEM:** NEMT Subcommittee

- **Family Support Division Update**

- Alyson Campbell, Director of the Family Support Division (FSD), provided several handouts summarizing the latest data. The total pending Medicaid applications are at an all-time low; the Division has seen an increase in the number of incoming applications due to the Federal Exchange; however, they have been successful in processing them in a timely manner due to the new online application.

- **Director's Update**

- Dr. Joe Parks, MHD Director, gave a legislative update on the following:
 - The Senate and House have passed the budget; the Governor has 8 to 9 days to approve it. MHD had 3% cuts in the program lines; the Division is currently processing detail impact statements. Eligibility and benefits are in statute; however, in order to make cuts; we will have to go to programs. In some areas rates can be adjusted, in others they cannot.
 - Other legislative actions include working through the backlog (see handout *Summary of Legislation*.) Most are early in the process.
 - Missouri is the first to get the supplemental rebate on Sovaldi. MHD has effectively reduced the cost uptick and will continue to receive other specialty drugs; however, there is an increase in the cost of generics.
 - Managed Care contracts – MHD will be contracting with the same three programs as last time, the readiness reviews will start on July 1, 2015. Enrollments are on the website. MHD is also working on new contract requirements that implement significant healthcare reform.
 - The Oversight Committee budget – lunch and travel will continue to be provided

- **MO HealthNet Budget Update**

- Andrew Bond, MHD Finance Director, presented the budget update (see handout).

- **Public Comment**

- Lucas Caldwell-McMillan, Attorney, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, commented regarding improving timeliness for eligibility and enrollment. The average wait time his clients experience is 80-90 days. Although they are able to back-date claims, they are not enrolled in a Managed Care plan while they are waiting, so if they see a provider while uninsured, they are left with medical debt.
- Meghan Elledge, Mosaic Life Care, informed the committee on a recent pilot project where they (Mosaic) and FSD partnered to collaborate with local hospitals to treat care management with a more holistic approach. Many rehab centers will not take patients with a "Medicaid pending" status, so they are working together to bridge that gap. For children and families they did 205 applications, 200 are currently approved and had a 2-5 day turnaround, newborns were the same day.

- **Managed Care Presentation**

- Dr. Vernon Smith, Health Management Associates, presented *Medicaid and Managed Care: Missouri and a national Perspective* (see handout).

NEXT MEETING

August 4, 2015

MO Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers

221 Metro Drive

Downstairs Large Conference Room

Jefferson City, MO 65109