

## MO HEALTHNET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2017  
600 West Main  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

### ATTENDANCE

#### Committee Members:

Tim McBride, Chair  
Margaret Benz, Co-Chair  
Jennifer Tidball  
Steve Corsi  
Rep. Keith Frederick  
Rep. Cora Faith Walker  
Gerard Grimaldi  
Sen. Rob Schaaf  
Dr. Bridget McCandless  
Joe Pierle  
Dr. Randal Williams  
Carmen Parker-Bradshaw  
Sen. Jill Schupp (via phone)  
Donna Siebeneck for Mark Stringer

#### Members Absent:

Mark Sanford  
Dr. Ingrid Taylor

#### DSS Staff:

Gail Luecke, MHD  
Valerie Huhn, MHD  
Debbie Meller, MHD  
Chelsea Blair, MHD  
Melody Webb, MHD  
Kelly Connell, MHD  
Steve Calloway, MHD  
Samar Muzaffar, MHD  
Helen Jaco, DSS  
Kristin Pattrin, DSS-DFAS

#### DSS Staff Cont.

Kim Evans, FSD  
Celesta Hartgraves, DHSS  
Tim Kling, DMH  
Pat Luebbering, FSD

#### Guests:

Abbey O'Connor, SLU MHA  
Leah Kemper, Washington Univ.  
Sara Bubenick, Assist Physician Org.  
Joe Miller, MPCA  
Jim Lembke, COS Sen. Schaaf  
Zachary Bannert, Flotron & McIntosh  
Jim Burns, CMS  
Jim Moody, Moody & Associates  
Carol Hudspeth, MAHC  
Josh Moon, Conduent  
Falin Larsen, AP-PMD  
Emily W., Gibbons Workman  
Susan Henderson Moore, Polsinelli  
Heidi Geishuhler, Mo State Med Assoc.  
Jeff Howell, Mo State Med Assoc.  
Kaycee Nail, Penman & Winton  
Josh Moore, Conduent  
Katie Wilbers, Conduent  
Olivia Rush, Conduent  
Daniel Landin, Mo Hospital Assoc.  
Brian Colby, Mo Budget Project  
Jamie Rodriguez, LESM  
Margie Hoelscher, TMC

#### Guest Cont.

Susan Zalenski, J&J  
Kamera Meaney, TMC  
Juliane Joseph, SLU  
Shelby Ruemmler, SLU  
Kristin Schuleher, SLU  
Varun Uppu, SLU  
Amer Muhic, SLU  
Nida Al-Ramahi, SLU  
Maureen Prunty, SLU  
CiCi Kent, SLU  
Grace Leatherman, SLU  
Aaron Stoneripker, SLU  
Allison Goldasin, SLU  
Juel Ferbe, SLU  
Dhruv Pabel, SLU  
Shijc Varghese, SLU  
Avi SHeth, SLU  
Amanda Schochiver, SLU  
Lindsey Nienstedt, Wash U.  
Maren Mellem, Wash U.  
Linda Li, Wash U.  
Abigail Barker, Wash U.

**Handouts from the meeting may be found on the web at: <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/oversight/meeting.htm>**

### AGENDA

#### Welcome/Introduction/Minutes

- Dr. Tim McBride, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:06 p.m. Minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Introductions were made including Senator Jill Schupp, who joined by phone.
- Dr. Tim McBride and Dr. Abigail Barker from Washington University presented Missouri Healthcare: Past, Present and Future. **The PowerPoint presentation is available online.**
- Dr. Barker presented examples of data visualization and how the interactive website worked. There is a link to the data visualizations available on their website for your use.
- Dr. Tim McBride gave an overview of the Transforming Healthcare in Missouri event held in St. Louis on October 13, 2017. **The handout is available online.**

## **Director's Update**

- Jennifer Tidball, Acting Director of the MO HealthNet Division presented the Director's update. **Handouts are available online.**
- Jennifer Tidball provided highlights from the NAMD Fall Conference in Washington D.C. in November.
  - CMS directors were in attendance and wanted to emphasize the importance of quick response and approval of state plan amendments and waivers; willingness to work with states so they can operate their programs in a manner they need to. The ability to have this type of open dialogue with CMS is very important as we move forward.
  - CMS communicated their willingness to work with states on what they may need in their programs to help address individuals with substance abuse disorders.
  - The Enrollment Verification and Validation system is a requirement by CMS that will be implemented in 2019. This is a program for home community-based services individuals and gives the ability to track what services they have.
  - In an effort to hold CMS and the State accountable around the management of the Medicaid program, states will submit monthly data to CMS. CMS will then report monthly scorecards by state. This could occur as soon as the 1st quarter of 2018.
- Jennifer Tidball gave an update on the reauthorization of CHIP. According to federal funds available to us today, we should be able to fund the program through the end of FY2018. There is a possibility that we will see a reauthorization of CHIP in a CR or in a larger bill but that would have to happen before December 22, 2017. If we don't see something this month, we will need to start planning on what happens with the program after we run out of funding at the end of June. Some states are already notifying families. In Missouri, we would need to give the families at least a 2-month notice. There is also a requirement that if a family's coverage does end, then these families have to be re-determined to make sure they are not available for another category.
  - **Comment, Tim McBride:** Do you know the dollar amount available to the state if we chose to cover these?
  - **Action Item:** Jennifer Tidball will get this information and provide it to Tim.
  - **Comment, Tim McBride:** So what I'm hearing is you'd have to do letters in April if nothing was to happen by then?
  - **Response, Jennifer Tidball:** That's correct.
- Jessie Dresner gave an update on the Assistant Physician program. CMS has indicated that we can move forward with paying for services for an assistant physician without a State Plan Amendment (SPA) if they are not enrolled as a separate provider type. There is a provider bulletin in draft form waiting for administrative approval with an anticipated start date of January 1, 2018.
- Jennifer provided information on Network Adequacy. **The Network Adequacy Talking Points handout is available online.**

## **IT 5-Year Plan**

- Darin Hackmann, MO HealthNet Information Services Director presented the IT 5-Year Plan. **The PowerPoint presentation is available on line.**
- Darin gave an overview of the different functions/capabilities of the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).
  - **Comment, McCandless:** Regarding the decision support system and data warehouse, what sort of requests, who can request and do you get a lot of them?
  - **Response, Darin Hackmann:** Entities can request data, but because of HIPPA, we have to evaluate those requests to determine if we can provide it or not. Sometimes we share de-identified data, anybody can request those. But if its identifiable data with PHI, we have to make sure all the proper agreements are in place before we can share that data.
  - **Comment, McCandless:** Are you getting a lot of requests from universities, public health, people studying population health, etc. what are you able to benefit from outside expertise?
  - **Response, Darin Hackmann:** We get various requests from universities and other entities doing research and studies. We have to evaluate all of those and will share if appropriate.
  - **Comment, McCandless:** How many of these requests are you getting?
  - **Action Item:** Darin will provide information on the number of requests.
  - **Comment, Jennifer Tidball:** Jennifer advised that there could be a cost for some request depending on what is being requested, how much of our time/resources are involved, etc.

- **Comments, McCandless:** How many folks do you have in your IT department? I know your budget has shrunk and I am curious if you have the internal resources to attend to the sophisticated nature of this data mining.
- **Response, Darin Hackmann:** My unit is not technically an IT department. We have business analysts and report writer and outsource all the technical functions to our vendors.

### Budget Update

- Valerie Huhn, MO HealthNet Acting Deputy Director of Finance, presented the budget update. ***The PowerPoint presentation and handout are available online.***
- There was a discussion about the rollout of Managed Care in May.
  - **Comment, Senator Schaff:** Did the hospitals see any cash flow problems with the roll out of managed care?
  - **Response, Gerard Grimaldi:** My understanding is there were definitely bumps in the road. There was the issue with changes for hospitals, especially those in the middle of Missouri, that affected some of their reimbursements and also issues where the Medicaid Managed Care piece is brand new. Tim sent out a report about the importance of DSH to rural hospitals.
  - **Action Item:** Tim McBride would like to see more about DSH as a future agenda item as it rolls out and what it will do to the Medicaid program.

### Public Comment

- Sara Bubenik introduced herself as a medical doctor (MD) without residency and an assistant physician (AP). She is a member of an AP organization that meet to discuss collaborative practice arrangements and issues that they face. Very proud to hear that the billing issue for APs is being addressed. She also talked importance of marketing for assistance physician and getting funding for the additional residency positions such as in primary care.
  - **Comment, Representative Frederick:** I will be introducing legislation that should address issues Ms. Bubenik talked about.
  - **Comment, Dr. Randall Williams:** I would like to facilitate a meeting in 2018 with APs and people who need their services.

### Family Support Division Update

- Patrick Luebbering, Acting Director of the Family Support Division (FSD), presented the Division update. ***Handouts are available online.***
- MRT processes have improved over the last 6-8 months and FSD is working to streamline all processes and procedures. SNAP is the next program to go into MEDES.

### Pharmacy Program Update

- Steven Calloway R.Ph., Director of the MO HealthNet Pharmacy program, presented MO HealthNet Pharmacy Brief Program Update. ***The PowerPoint presentation is available online.***
- Steve Calloway provided information on activities regarding Opioid issues.
  - **Comment, Representative Frederick:** I have introduced legislation in the past to remove the motivation to prescribing narcotics because of the worry of Patient Satisfaction Survey, which has become an integral part of the doctor's reputation and sometimes their reimbursements. I would like to see the Patient Satisfaction Surveys removed.
  - **Comment, Dr. McCandless:** I hope some thought would go into it before just getting rid of the surveys.
  - **Action Item:** Dr. Corsi will have MHD look internally for ways MHD can help and into the possibility of removal of Patient Satisfaction Surveys. This will be a future agenda item.
- Steve Calloway provided information on Hepatitis C therapy.

### NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2018

MO Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
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