

MO HEALTHNET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2018
221 Metro Drive
Jefferson City, MO

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Tim McBride, Chair
Margaret Benz, Co-Chair
Jennifer Tidball
Representative Cora Faith Walker
Gerard Grimaldi
Dr. Randall Williams
Mark Sanford
Senator Jill Schupp
Joe Pierle

Members Absent:

Representative Keith Frederick
Dr. Ingrid Taylor
Carmen Parker-Bradshaw
Senator Rob Schaaf
Dr. Bridget McCandless

DSS Staff:

Gail Luecke, MHD
Debbie Meller, MHD
Jessie Dresner, MHD
Toni Brite, MHD
Caitlin Whaley, DSS
Helen Jaco, DSS
Pat Luebbering, DSS/FSD
Donna Siebeneck, DMH
Umo Ironbar, DSS/FSD
Dawn Votra, DSS/FSD
Becky Woelfel, DSS/DO
Nathan Percy, DSS/DFAS
GUEST:
Brian Kinkade, MHA
Leslie Henry, Blessing Health System

Jeremy Milarsley, Mo Coalition of Children's Agency
Evan Rushing, Alkermes
Kaitee Brown, Legal Aid of W. Mo
Anthony T. Enly, Jr., Legal Aid of W. Mo
Tami Holliday, Polsinelli P.C.
Joe Miller, MPCA
Jessica Petrie, Pennan & Winter
Geoffrey Oliver, LSEM
Gena Terlizzi, NAMI Missouri
Alisa Gordon, Milliman
Josh Moore, Conduent
Katie Wilbers, Conduent
Brian Colby, Mo Budget Project
June Isenberg, Schupp Chief of Staff
Megan Huffman, Legal Assistant Mo House
Susan Zalenski, J&J

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 12:08 p.m. Minutes of the February 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Dr. Tim McBride presented Rural Hospital Closures and the State of Rural Health. **The PowerPoint presentation is available online.**

Director's Update

- Jennifer Tidball gave the MO HealthNet Director's Update. **Handouts are available online.**
- CHIP has been reauthorized and we have been able to continue to operate our program as we do today. There will be no CHIP reduction at this time. Funding has also been approved for the FQHCs through December 2019.
- Jennifer Tidball reviewed a \$40 million GR cost containment list that was presented to the Missouri House Budget Committee that lays out actions MO HealthNet (MHD) has and/or will be taking.

Pharmacy is the largest portion in this reduction. Jennifer shared information regarding the Drug Prior Authorization Committee and invited the committee members to attend their next meeting that is set for June 21, 2018. More information can be found on the MHD website.

MHD is moving towards fee schedules for outpatient hospital reimbursements. There is a regulation that will be published on June 1 that addresses this issue. Once the regulation is published, there will be a period of

time to receive public comments. We then have a period of time to consider the comments and to make any changes.

Managed Care initiatives discussed included efficiency to manage utilization, fee schedule cap on hospital payments and Show-Me ECHO program savings. MHD proposed a \$7 million budget for general revenue; however, the requested amount was reduced. There was additional discussion regarding the structuring of managed care plan contracts and the lack of data that is available to access.

- **Comment:** Joe Pierle said he would like to see 3 things happen in regards to the managed care plans: (1) alignment of measures, what is the expectation and are we measuring the same thing; (2) We need to work together collectively as a group to solve the problem of having access to good contact information, including patient records; and (3) we need good data and the sharing of data between the state and managed care plans. We need a quicker turnaround time to get the data needed. We need this data with 24 hours rather than 6 months.
- **Action Item:** We will bring this topic back to a future meeting.

Jennifer also talked about the opioid letters. MHD has been working with Dr. Williams and his team as well as the Department of Health on the opioid intervention program. The program monitors prescribers that hit certain quality indicators and are prescribing outside certain guidelines. The first set of letters that were sent to prescribers in March included the names of patients, the medication prescribed, and information on best practices for prescribing purposes and asked for their feedback. The second set of letters was sent out May 25 & 29 asking the prescribers to respond to why the patients listed were being prescribed the medication. A lack of a response could mean we would refer those prescribers to be in DD. Dr. Williams said we will be presenting the data collected from these letters on July 1.

The ambulance billing update will be moved to the next meeting.

CMS will be releasing a state-specific Medicaid score card that is currently set to be released on June 6. Jennifer will report more about the score card at the August meeting and once it has been published; she will have Debbie Meller send a link to the committee.

Budget Update

- Tony Brite, the new Deputy Director of Finance, presented the budget update. ***The PowerPoint presentation is available online.***
- There was discussion about Managed Care enrollment and how it could affect the market share.
 - **Comment:** Gerard Grimaldi asked how many and what hospitals were not participating in all three Managed Care plans.
 - **Action Item:** Jennifer Tidball advised this information would be provided to the committee.

Public Comment

- No one presented for comment.

Legislative Update

- Caitlyn Whaley gave a brief update on legislation that the department had an interest in this session. None have been signed by the governor yet.
 - **Action Item:** Caitlyn will provide a list of the bills to Debbie Meller. These bills included:
 - HB 1516: Expands access to chiropractic services; limited to 20 visits; subject to appropriation.
 - HB 1617: This is related to telehealth. A regulation was filed a couple years ago by MHD; however, it is being rescinded due to provider concerns that it was too restrictive. MHD has no plans to refile a new one and will govern just based on the law. MHD expects providers that provide services via telehealth to provide the same level of care to all participants.
 - HB 2280/2120: Expands substance abuse treatment for post-partum moms. Rep. Cora Faith Walker worked on this bill and the state that Missouri is the first state to do this.

- SB 718: Omnibus health care bill. Part of this bill establishes an advisory committee on rare diseases and personalized medicine. The advisory committee will be charged with advising the department on treatment protocols and medication for rare diseases.
- SB 826: Places 7-day limit on opioid prescribing.
- SB 775: Reauthorization of the various FRAs, which includes nursing homes, pharmacy, rehabilitation centers, hospitals and managed care. Managed Care tax was a big topic of conversation. There is a move to revamp the tax on the federal level.

Family Support Division Update

- Patrick Luebbering, Director of the Family Support Division (FSD), presented the Division update. **The PowerPoint presentation is available on line.**
- The caseload has remained steady. MAGI is approximately 90% finished. Monitoring bulk re-assessments and making sure it is not affecting participants' eligibility.
- Patrick Luebbering reported that in April, FSD contracted with WIPRO to handle all the family Medicaid calls normally handled by the call center. This will increase the call center's capacity and deliver better services. Wipro will also be making changes to the system such as address changes and phone numbers in the MEDES system. Future use of the contractor will be to funnel returned mail and have them update the system with the correct address. FSD will exhaust all possible avenues to find correct address before having to terminate participants.

**NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2018**

MO Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare
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