

MO HEALTHNET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2018
221 Metro Drive
Jefferson City, MO

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Tim McBride, Chair
Margaret Benz, Co-Chair
Jennifer Tidball
Dr. Steve Corsi
Representative Keith Frederick
Representative Cora Faith Walker
Gerard Grimaldi
Senator Rob Schaaf
Dr. Bridget McCandless
Dr. Randall Williams
Carmen Parker-Bradshaw
Senator Jill Schupp
Mark Stringer
Mark Sanford
Members Absent:
Joe Pierle
Dr. Ingrid Taylor
Carmen Parker-Bradshaw

DSS Staff:

Gail Luecke, MHD
Valerie Huhn, MHD
Debbie Meller, MHD
Chelsea Blair, MHD
Melody Webb, MHD
Kelly Connell, MHD
Steve Calloway, MHD
Sharie Hahn, MHD
Jessie Dresner, MHD
Darin Hackmann, MHD
Toni Brite, MHD
Caitlin Whaley, DSS
Becky Woelfel, DSS
Nathan Perry, DSS
Pat Luebbering, DSS/FSD
Kim Evans, DSS/FSD

GUEST:

Carol Hudspeth, MAHC
Joe Miller, MPCA
Brian Colby, MBP
Brian Kinkade, MHA
Katie Wilbers, Conduent
James Wehmeier, House Intern
Geoffrey Oliver, LSEM

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 12:09 p.m. Minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Director's Update

- Jennifer Tidball presented the MO HealthNet Director's Update. ***The PowerPoint presentation is available online.***
- Jennifer Tidball reported that since the assistant physician enrollment process started January 1, 2018, two are currently enrolled and three have pending applications. Based on the interest, a larger enrollment number was anticipated; however, no further inquiries have been received at this time.
- On February 2, a MO HealthNet Telehealth provider bulletin will be posted on the MO HealthNet (MHD) web site. The MHD is asking providers to follow the law. The MHD plans to rescind the portion of the current rule that is not in compliance.
- Jennifer Tidball gave an update on DSH reduction, which went into effect in October, FY2018. ***Handout is available online.***
 - **Comment, Dr. Bridget McCandless:** Do we know when the FQHC funding will be running out?
 - **Action Item:** Jennifer Tidball estimates it will be in the March timeframe. She will follow up with Joe Pierle to get his input and get something out to the committee.
 - **Comment, Tm McBride:** I can send him an email and see if he would want to send out something to the committee.

- Jennifer Tidball gave an update on the CHIP funding being authorized for another 6 years.
- The Department of Social Services, Health and Senior Services, Mental Health as well as the three Medicaid Managed Care plans have partnered with Show-Me ECHO to bring awareness, increase use of current ECHO sessions and also hope to add a High Risk OB session as well. Dr. Steve Corsi encouraged everyone to attend one of the ECHO sessions.
- Senator Jill Schupp said that she wanted to open up discussion on compounding drugs. She will provide her contact information to Dr. Steve Corsi and Jennifer Tidball.

Budget Update

- Tony Brite, the new Deputy Director of Finance, presented the budget update. ***The PowerPoint presentation is available online.***
- There was a discussion regarding Managed Care enrollment. Helen Jaco, Chief Financial Officer, said some of the things that could affect the differences in enrollment include (1) individuals enrolled in managed care receiving their check benefits but have not paid their premiums, however, are still eligible to access their benefits if they did pay their premium; (2) natural churn; and (3) redetermination of eligibility by FSD.
 - **Comment, Dr. Bridget McCandless:** Why did the department pick the day-specific method rather than end of month? I'd like to know how many people fall off because of this. This is very important for continuance of care, eligibility, and good coverage.
 - **Action Item:** Jennifer Tidball will follow up on this request.
- There was a discussion regarding Managed Care actuarial rate increase vs. Fee-For-Service:
 - **Comment, Senator Rob Schaaf:** Considering we have to pay under \$12 million because participants are on Managed Care and they have to pay a provider tax, could you provide the committee with how much it would have cost us if we had left them on Fee-For-Service? Do we have a comparison to see if it actually saved us money?
 - **Action Item:** Dr. Steve Corsi will have the Department look into this request and report back at a later meeting.
- There was a lot of discussion regarding the cost of treatment of Hepatitis C for not only Medicaid participants and the prison population. Incarcerated individuals do not have Medicaid. If they go into the hospital, Medicaid can be "activated" for that period; however, it is "deactivated" when they return to prison.
 - **Comment, Senator Rob Schaaf:** Have there been any discussion regarding this with Corrections?
 - **Action Item:** Dr. Randall Williams will report where we stand as a State on this issue at the next meeting.
- Gerard Grimaldi asked about a \$40 million reduction to the Medicaid budget that he recalled from previous discussions. Where does that fit into the Medicaid budget?
 - **Response:** Jennifer Tidball advised the \$40 million was on the revenue side and is not budgeted. Helen Jaco advised it is not aggregated into the budget. She advised the department was working on a strategy as to where this money will come from.
 - **Comment, Senator Rob Schaaf:** Last year we had this same discussion and the committee was told "we are going to figure it out." No explanation. Just tell us how we are going to save \$40 million.
 - **Comment, Tim McBride:** Is it possible to report back to the committee before end of session?
 - **Action Item:** Dr. Steve Corsi advised the Department will report back to the committee with the requested information as well as other areas where cost savings could be found.

Provider Tax

- Tony Brite gave a Provider Tax update. ***This is part of the budget PowerPoint presentation and is available on line.***
 - **Comment, Dr. Randall Williams:** Do we audit our ambulance usage? It has been estimated that 80% of our ambulance usage is inappropriate and not life threatening. Do we audit this at all?
 - **Action Item:** Jessie Dresner advised there was a time that the ambulance providers were on a pre-payment review system but have since shifted away from that. Not sure where we are now. She will find out where we are from our removal from the pre-pay review system, see how it is working, and will bring back to a future meeting.

- Jennifer Tidball provided information on Provider Tax.
 - **Comment, Representative Cora Faith Walker:** Has there been any consideration of implementing a provider tax for EMT contractors?
 - **Response, Jennifer Tidball:** Federal law lays out which providers we can tax. She will provide the committee with a list of providers who we cannot tax under the current law.

Public Comment

- No one presented for comment.

Legislative Update

- Caitlyn Whaley gave a brief update on legislation that the department has an interest in this session including HB 1856 and SB 562.

Family Support Division Update

- Patrick Luebbering, Director of the Family Support Division, presented the Division update. **The PowerPoint presentation is available on line.**
- Pending MEDES applications are now down to 13,000. Previous year at this point we were at over 19,000.

NEXT MEETING

MAY 31, 2018

MO Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare
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