

MO HEALTHNET OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2016
221 Metro Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65102

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Tim McBride, Chair
Margaret Benz, Co-Chair
Bridget McCandless
Carmen Parker-Bradshaw
Celesta Hartgraves
Gerard Grimaldi
Ingrid Taylor
Jennifer Tidball for Brian Kinkade
Joseph Parks
Natalie Fornelli for Mark Stringer
Rep. Keith Frederick
Sen. Joseph Keaveny
Sen. Rob Schaaf

Members Absent:

Joe Pierle
Rep. Jeannie Kirkton

DSS Staff:

Chelsea Blair, MHD
Darin Hackmann, MHD
Debbie Meller, MHD
Heather Dolce, DO
Jay Ludlam, MHD
Julie Gibson, FSD
Laura Branstetter, MHD
Samar Muzaffar, MHD

Guests:

Angela Herman-Nestor, MPCA
Anna Deatherage, HDIS
David Makkers, North KC Hospital
Dorn Schuffman, DMH
Emily Wright, Gibbons Workman
Erica Schenewerk, Xerox
Herb Weldon, AmeriHealth Caritas
Jim Burns, CMS

Guests:

Jim Moody, AETNA
Joel Ferber, LSEM
Josh Moore, Xerox
Katie Hopkins, AmeriHealth Cartias
Katie Wilbers, Xerox
Ken Larson, Xerox
Lane Jacobs, MPCA
Lou Freimilles, AmeriHealth Caritas
Lucas Caldwell-McMillan, LSEM
Meghan Elledge, Mosaic Life Care
Mike Sutherland, MO Budget Project
Misty Snodgrass, MO Coalition
Pat Strader, MO Academy of Family Phys.
Steve Renne, MHA
Susan Zalenski, J&J
Sylvia Ray, Patek & Associates
We Shuehigh, UHC
Zachary Brunnet, Flotron & McIntosh

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 October 13, 2015, meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections.
- Dr. Parks introduced the new MO HealthNet Director of Managed Care, Helen Jaco.

Chairs Report on ACA Enrollment

- Dr. Tim McBride presented "Update on ACA Health Insurance Marketplaces and Medicaid Enrollment, and Impact on Uninsured." **The presentation is available on the web.**

Director's Update

- Dr. Joe Parks, Director of the MO HealthNet Division (MHD), presented the director's update.
 - MHD is currently waiting on the State Plan Amendment that will implement the expansion of Applied Behavior Analysis; it has yet to be finalized by CMS.
 - The DSH Audit is currently on hold with the courts.
 - MHD is pleased with the dental funding that will allow Medicaid to expand and enhance the very limited adult dental benefit. The State Plan Amendment is currently with CMS awaiting finalization.
 - Legislation that has recently been passed is offering CMS a way to approve payments in institutions with mental diseases in states that are budget neutral. Missouri believes they can do this and are working on making a proposal to CMS.
 - Dr. Parks introduced guest speakers to present on important initiatives that are taking place in Missouri:
 - Dorn Schuffman presented on the demonstration project Missouri is currently working on. Federal statute created a new demonstration project and a federal definition for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). There is no longer a definition for Community Mental Health Centers in federal statute which means at a federal level, there is no place for behavioral health providers. This legislation authorized SAMHSA to establish criteria for the CCBHCs. Part of the statute then established a demonstration project to use Medicaid to contract with CCBHCs in eight states using a prospective payment system. States were invited to apply for planning grants to prepare to participate for this demonstration; Missouri applied and was chosen as one of 24 states that received this planning grant. We are currently developing a prospective payment system for behavioral health providers and to certify CCBHCs under these new federal standards and also developing certification standards and applying them to all the centers so they can meet the federal standards. The 24 states will then apply to be one of eight states that will implement the prospective payment system.
 - Natalie Fornelli presented on the DMH 1115 Crisis Waiver. The waiver is intended to target populations that have been identified through current programs that have been implemented via Governor Nixon's Strengthening Mental Health initiative, namely the Community Mental Health Liaisons and the Emergency Room Enhancement project. The population identified through these programs is in crisis, uninsured, and although the CMHCs are making contact with them, there is not always funds to get them the services they need. We are using this waiver get them a limited benefit package through Medicaid that will cover behavioral health, mental health, substance use disorder, and physical health services. The eligibility criteria includes: must be between ages 21-35, their income cannot exceed 150% of the federal poverty limit, they must be a Missouri resident, uninsured, not eligible for Medicaid and have a serious mental illness or substance use disorder. There is currently \$5M to cover to the waiver; as it is a five year waiver, it is estimated we can serve 1,000 individuals in the first year and a total of 1,900 by the fifth year. However, Governor Nixon has purposed adding an additional \$2M, which would serve an estimated 1,300 the first year and 2,400 by the end of the fifth year. The application will be submitted around April 1, 2016.

Public Comment

- Meghan Elledge, Mosaic Life Care – Ms. Elledge gave an update on the pilot program Mosaic has with FSD.
 - We have been making an effort to address the homeless population during the colder months and without this pilot program, we would not have the success they we have had in addressing that population during this vulnerable time period.
 - We are still working on the birth certificate issue mentioned at the last meeting; it is still a burden on this population.
 - We are also having an issue with Direct Express. They no longer issue a paper check when you get on Social Security; they put it on a debit card. When you put this on a Medicaid application, they treat that debit card as a bank account. It is a struggle trying to prove this is not a bank account.
 - Another issue is the young adult mental health population—they can be hard to get on Medicaid. It is important to get them the help they need at the beginning of their diagnosis rather than later down the road when it's progressed to where they are eligible for disability because they are disabled under the right criteria.
 - Senator Schaaf commented that it may be a good idea to change the statute in order to get this population qualified.

Managed Care Update

- Rhonda Driver, MO HealthNet Deputy Division Director, and Helen Jaco, MO HealthNet Managed Care Director, presented a Managed Care update. **The PowerPoint is available on the web.**
 - Sen. Schaaf questioned whether the Department is still planning on moving forward with Managed Care expansion despite the recommendations the committee made from the last meeting. Dr. Parks responded that he consulted with the Department's leadership and legal counsel and it was determined that the restriction mentioned in Section 208.950 only applies for the timeframe of 2008 to 2011. However, Sen. Schaaf stressed that since he authored this particular piece of legislation, the Department's interpretation of it is incorrect because it is meant to give the committee the authority to approve new health improvement plans.
 - **ACTION:** Rep. Frederick moved that the Committee object the actions by the Department to create new health improvement plans with the expansion of Managed Care without the Committee's approval, contrary to provisions of Sections 208.950 – 208.955. Sen. Schaaf seconded the motion. Seven votes were cast. Six votes were in favor, one vote was opposed. Four members abstained from voting. The motion is adopted.

Medicaid Access and Quality Results

- Mat Reidhead and Steve Renne with the Missouri Hospital Association presented Recent Trends in Medicaid Hospital Utilization in Missouri. **The presentation is available on the web.**

Budget Update

- Andrew Bond, MO HealthNet Director of Finance, presented the budget update.

Family Support Division Update

- Julie Gibson, Director of the Family Support Division (FSD), presented the Division update.
 - Handouts summarizing latest data show that Medicaid caseload is slight up right now due to open enrollment; however, it is lower than it was last year at 30,000. Ms. Gibson was pleased to announce that this year during open enrollment, 75% of the applications have been submitted online or over the phone, which allows for faster processing times. Efficiency can be seen in comparison to last year where the number of pending applications was around 18,000 at the end of open enrollment and this year we are at 7,000.
 - Thank you to MHA for helping FSD with the webinars that helped promote and educate citizens on how to use the eligibility tool and apply online. This has greatly contributed to the efficiency of application submission and processing times.
 - MEDES continues to progress, and IBM has made several functionality fixes. FSD has also made changes to management and will be introducing some new processes and is looking forward to the outcomes that are anticipated this summer.
 - The new Medicaid program, Show-Me Healthy Babies began on Jan 4th and so far there have been 110 applications, with 52 approved and the rest are currently in different stages. **The handout is on the web.**
 - The 1095-B fact sheet has been mailed out. There is a hotline available for callers with questions. **The handout is available on the web.**

NEXT MEETING

April 12, 2016

MO Coalition of Community Behavioral Healthcare

221 Metro Drive

Large LL Conference Room

Jefferson City, MO 65109