



# MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting minutes – 6/2/16**

**Virginia Community Healthcare Association  
3831 Westerre Parkway  
Henrico, VA 23233  
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

**The following CHIPAC members were present:**

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| • Denise Daly Konrad    | Virginia Health Care Foundation               |
| • Michele Chesser       | Joint Commission on Health Care               |
| • Emily Roller          | Virginia Community Healthcare Association     |
| • Cornelia Deagle       | Virginia Department of Health                 |
| • Jill Christiansen     | Partnership for Healthier Kids                |
| • Michael Muse          | Virginia League of Social Services Executives |
| • Shelby Gonzales       | Center on Budget and Policy Priorities        |
| • Stephanie Lynch       | Virginia Association of Health Plans          |
| • Dr. Tegwyn Brickhouse | VCU Health                                    |
| • Amy Edwards           | Virginia Department of Education              |
| • Stephanie Sivert      | Virginia Department of Social Services        |
| • Jennifer Wicker       | Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association  |

**The following CHIPAC members sent substitutes:**

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| • Jay Speer sent Jill Hanken          | Virginia Poverty Law Center                    |
| • Michael Cassidy sent Massey Whorley | The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis |

**The following CHIPAC members were not present:**

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| • Dr. Nathan Webb   | Medical Society of Virginia   |
| • Dr. Samuel Bartle | Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics              |
| • Rodney Willett    | Impact Makers   |
| • Dr. Karen Rheuban | DMAS Board Member   |
| • Janet Lung        | Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services |
| • Linda Vines       | March of Dimes  |

**The following DMAS staff members were in attendance:**

- Rebecca Mendoza, Director, Marketing and Enrollment Services Division

- Shelagh Greenwood, Marketing and Outreach Manager, Marketing and Enrollment Services Division
- Lauren Cunningham, Marketing and Outreach Communications Coordinator, Marketing and Enrollment Services Division
- Wendy Jenkins, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, Marketing and Enrollment Services Division
- Joanne Boise, Senior Policy Analyst, Marketing and Enrollment Services Division
- Brian Campbell, Senior Program Advisor, Integrated Care and Behavioral Health Division

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Welcome**

Jill Christiansen, Chair of CHIPAC, called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm. Christiansen welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

### **I. CHIPAC Business**

- A.** Approval of Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 3rd, 2016 Quarterly CHIPAC meeting. The minutes were approved.
- B.** Membership Subcommittee Update –Jill Christiansen gave an update on committee membership issues. Christiansen welcomed Jennifer Wicker, who was attending her first meeting since joining the committee, and Amy Edwards, who replaced Tia Campbell as the representative from the Virginia Department of Education.

Christiansen then welcomed Stephanie Lynch as the new Member at Large on the Executive Subcommittee. Lynch will be replacing Tia Campbell.

Christiansen also noted that Dr. Sam Bartle is at the end of his first term and will need to agree to serve a second. Dr. Bartle was absent from the meeting and it was agreed that someone would follow up with him about this issue.

- C.** CHIPAC Dashboard Review- The committee reviewed the updated CHIPAC Priorities Dashboard. Jill Christiansen reminded the group that it had been decided at the previous Full Committee Meeting that there would be an in-depth review of the dashboard at the June meeting to provide an overview for newer members and examine whether edits should be made. Rebecca Mendoza from DMAS reviewed the contents of the Dashboard with the committee. Jill Hanken asked how Virginia's EPSDT measurables compared to other states. Mendoza suggested that a comparison of trends between Virginia and other states could be given at a future meeting and that it might coincide with an update on Virginia's EPSDT program in the fall. Stephanie Sivert said she would like to hear more information on data being received from the Federally Funded Marketplace (FFM).

Mendoza went on to point out that Plan First enrollment numbers had dropped after rising for several months. She explained that new Plan First Member Cards were mailed out this spring, and that if that mail was returned, coverage was cancelled for that individual, and that is the reason for the drop. Jill Hanken asked if a call is made to the recipient when their mail is returned, and Mendoza said currently, no call is made.

- D.** Other business- Jill Christiansen reminded the group that earlier in the month, they had voted on their choices for CHIPAC's Priorities for 2016-2018. The committee selected the following

areas to focus their attention on: 1. Health Outcomes; 2. Application Processing and Enrollment/Operations; and 3. Mental Health.

Christiansen also reminded the committee that Jill Hanken had drafted a letter on behalf of the committee (with state employees abstaining) to Cindi Jones, Director of DMAS that recommended a shorter renewal form. Christiansen said that the letter would be mailed the following day.

## **II. Legislative Update**

Jill Hanken and Massey Whorley presented a quarterly update on legislative issues as they related to the committee. Hanken reminded the group that the budget adopted by the legislature contains language prohibiting Medicaid expansion by the Governor. She said that the Governor tried to have that changed, but the change was rejected, and the Governor then vetoed all of the prohibitive language. Hanken said she was not sure what would happen, but explained that if the Governor makes an effort to expand Medicaid in the interim, legal action will most likely be taken to prevent that.

Whorley added that the Urban Institute had just released some data on the utilization of Medicaid and CHIP and noted that states that expanded Medicaid saw a greater bump in these rates. Whorley said that Virginia had seen negative movement in Medicaid and CHIP participation rates.

Hanken asked Michelle Chesser if there is anything being studied by the Joint Commission on Health Care that the committee should be following. Chesser said they are working on a study on possibly expanding the Commission on Healthy Youth to include additional issues.

## **III. Dental Presentation**

Dr. Tegwyn Brickhouse from VCU's School of Dentistry delivered a presentation on dental issues effecting children in the Medicaid and FAMIS populations in Virginia, which included possible barriers to utilization of services and a look at where Virginia compares to other states.

## **IV. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Presentation**

Stephanie Lynch from the Virginia Association of Health Plans and Brian Campbell from DMAS presented on Substance Use Disorder (SUD). They discussed the scope of the issue and its impact to the Medicaid population; DMAS's initiatives to improve care for families struggling with SUD; and a look at the 10-year plan for working on these issues in Virginia.

## **V. DMAS Update**

Rebecca Mendoza gave an update from the Division of Marketing and Enrollment Services of DMAS. Mendoza told the committee about the new Plan First card that started being issued in March, the 1095B tax forms that were sent out to Medicaid and CHIP recipients earlier in the year, and new behavioral therapy services for FAMIS recipients. Mendoza also discussed enrollment and operations issues. Shelagh Greenwood concluded by offering an update on Marketing and Outreach activities.

## **VI. DSS Update**

Stephanie Sivert gave an update from the Virginia Department of Social Services. Sivert reported that as of May 7<sup>th</sup>, there have been 26,804 enrollees automatically renewed as part of the new automatic renewal process. Sivert also noted that overdue renewals have gone down over the last year and that 81% of pending applications are within the 0-45 days category. She said DSS staff is working to reduce that time frame even more, and that the average is 24-30 days.

Sivert stated to the group that there has been an increase in online applications but that paper applications still have the highest volume. She went on to explain that there has been a focus on integrating SNAP and TANF data into VaCMS.

Sivert concluded by mentioning that the Fostering Futures program is expanding their scope to individuals who are 21 and suggested a possible presentation on this topic to the committee from the DSS Family Services Division.

## **VII. Public Comment**

There was no comment from the public

## **VIII. Agenda for September 8th, 2016 CHIPAC Meeting**

Jill Christiansen asked the committee what possible topics they might want to cover at the September 8<sup>th</sup> full committee meeting. Christiansen reminded the group that Stephanie Lynch would be presenting HEDIS data from commercial health plans. Jill Hanken asked for some follow up on topics presented at today's meeting as well as more discussion of the dashboard, and a presentation on mental health. Stephanie Lynch asked for a look at population health topics. Rebecca Mendoza suggested that the new DMAS Medical Director might be asked to speak to the group about pediatric outcomes.

## **Closing**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29pm.