

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

January 25, 2018

DMA Kirby Building, 1985 Umstead Drive, Conference Room 132, Raleigh, NC 27699  
TELECONFERENCE: 919-662-4657

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The Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) met via teleconference on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

MCAC Members in Person: Gary Massey, MCAC Chairman

MCAC Members via Telephone: Marilyn Pearson, Vice-Chair, Kim Schwartz, Stephen Small, Linda Burhans, Paula Cox-Fishman, Samuel Clark, Ted Goins, Billy West,

MCAC Interested Parties: Sarah Potter, Richard Edwards, Jean Anderson, Jenny Hodge, Aaron Pilakey, Steve Owens, Brendon Riley Ciara Zachery, Pam Shipman, Susan Thompson, Sarah Wilson, Ben Compton, Sarah Wilson

DMA and DHB Staff: Dave Richard, Sandra Terrell, Mona Moon, Debra Farrington, Patrick Doyle, John Stancil, Terry Pennington, Sabrena Lea, Angela Diaz, Jay Ludlam Pamela Beatty

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Massey, MCAC Chair

- Gary Massey, MCAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. followed by a roll call of the members. Quorum declared. Chairman Massey welcomed and thanked everyone for their participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

- Chairman Massey called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular MCAC meeting held on December 8, 2017.
  - Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ted Goins. Motion seconded by Marilyn Pearson. All were in favor of approving the minutes as written.
- Bylaws amendments were discussed. Questions were raised and clarification offered regarding:
  - Article VI Liabilities “No one of the committee membership shall become liable for responsible actions of the committee which may result in legal actions developed by the public”, who decides meaning of “responsible”, there was committee agreement that this statement means that MCAC committee members are not individually liable or responsible for actions that may be taken by the committee.
  - Article VII. Meetings F. 1. Attendance: “Absence without just cause from two consecutive meetings shall result in a formal notice from the Director requesting information on intentions for further participation”. Request made for this to specify in person quarterly meetings rather than conference call meetings to address transformation.
  - Article XIV AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS, “The bylaws will be reviewed every three years or as needed” Request made to revise to “... no less frequently than every three years or as needed.”
  - Motion by Ted Goins that by-laws be accepted with proposed amendments noted above, seconded by Kim Schwartz. Motion pass unanimously.

## **OPENING COMMENTS**

Dave Richard – Deputy Secretary, DMA

- Dave provided an update on the Department’s decision in November 2017 to take over the management of Cardinal Innovations because of concerns about the financial management of the organization and the decision making of the former board. Since that time, the Department worked with the county commission association to pull together a process very rapidly in which the 20 counties could have a voice about the appointment of board members. The membership was ultimately approved by each local county board of commissioner. The Department plans to return the governance of Cardinal Innovations LME-MCO to the newly constituted board of directors which includes all of the legislatively mandated board members, an appointee by the Secretary and three (3) consumer family advisory committee members. Dave noted that during this period, no provider payments were missed or services denied to beneficiaries because of this change in governance and transition to the new board structure. He further indicated that the Department will remain involved for a period but expressed appreciation for the work of the interim CEO, Trey Sutton, and line staff who have been committed to doing their best on behalf of beneficiaries. He gave details about a day long training provided to board members, an interim call with the board, before turning the meeting back over to the chair, Gary Massey.

## **MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION UPDATE:**

Jay Ludlam, Assistant Secretary, Medicaid Transformation, DHB

- 1115 Amended Waiver Application - Jay provided a detailed review of the comments received in relation to the 1115 amended waiver application. Jay noted that nearly 800 individual comments were received. A Departmental response is currently being formulated to the comments which will be submitted to CMS in the near future and publicly posted. Some of the key topic areas were around increasing access to Medicaid, populations in managed care, beneficiary supports, the opioid strategy, network adequacy, clinical coverage policies, workforce and care management. Many comments touched on the fears as well as the positive aspects the change to managed care will have on certain groups and individuals receiving Medicaid.
- CMS Negotiations- Jay shared that CMS has been a very helpful partner in continued negotiations. The Department is working on a very aggressive timeline for CMS approval of mid-February.

## **MCAC SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATE**

Debra Farrington, Senior Program Manager, DHB

- Debra spoke on the status of the MCAC subcommittee application process noting there was tremendous response. She noted that individuals continue to express interest and inquired if the committee wished to extend the application timeline. Chairman Massey suggested extending the date but having a hard stop of January 31st.
- Debra also requested the MCAC consider extending the size of the subcommittees due to the large volume of responses. No objections were noted.
- Chairman Massey requested that each committee member confirm the subcommittee in which they would like to participate. It was clarified that DMA/DHB staff will support the subcommittees by scheduling, preparing agendas and materials. MCAC members would facilitate the meetings.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Chairman Massey opened the floor for public comments.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

- Gary advised of February 15<sup>th</sup> call and the face-to-face meeting scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>. He requested MCAC members confirm these dates on their calendars. He also noted that the bylaws that the MCAC committee approved are subject to the Secretary's approval before they become official.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**