

MINUTES
MEDICAL SERVICES FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 2016

Members and Alternates attending by phone

Patrick Kelly, Chair, Nursing Home Representative
Cindy Beane, Acting Commissioner, BMS
Dr. Rahul Gupta, Commissioner, Bureau for Public Health
Sarah Young, Acting Deputy Commissioner, BMS Alternate
Dr. Carol Buffington, Dental Representative
Barbara Good, WV State Medical Association Alternate
Thom Stevens, WV Academy of Family Physicians Alternate
Dr. Tracy Hendershot, WV Academy of Family Physicians Representative
Mark Drennan, BH Representative
Louise Reese, Primary Care Association
Dr. Matthew Christiansen, WV Academy of Family Physicians Representative

Bureau for Medical Services Employees Present

Ryan Sims, General Counsel, BMS
Tony Atkins, Deputy Commissioner, Finance, BMS
Penney Hall, Bureau for Medical Services
Emily McCoy, DHHR, MMIS Operations Director

Interested Parties attending by phone

Benita Whitman, Legal Aid
Barbara Dunn
Kathleen Stoll

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Acting Bureau for Medical Services Commissioner Cindy Beane welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Council for being available on such short notice for the meeting.

State Plan Amendments

- Ryan Sims presented State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-001, Payments for Medical and Remedial Care Services. This SPA unbundles the rates for child residential services. He stated the fee-for-services structure is in other part of the State Plan, so it is not addressed in this SPA.
- Commissioner Beane said there are no changes in the services being offered to these children and in fact some services will be enhanced such as targeted case management. She said the Bureau was making this change to make providers more accountable for the services they are providing to West Virginia children which is a focus of the Cabinet Secretary. It will also increase access for services for children. The goal is to encourage the providers to provide more services in a community-based setting. In addition, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service has questioned West Virginia's bundled rates, while reviewing other parts of the State Plan and let us know most states do not have this model.

- Commissioner Beane said staff of the Department of Health and Human Resources have met with the providers and will be conducting four regional meetings to provide technical assistance and answer outstanding questions.
- The cost to Medicaid is neutral.

Commissioner Beane called for a vote of the council members. There were six ayes and one nay. The council approved the SPA.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned
Minutes submitted by:

Penney A. Hall
Bureau for Medical Services

