

MINUTES
MEDICAL SERVICES FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2016

Members and Alternates Present

Cindy Beane, Acting Commissioner, BMS

Members and Alternates attending via phone

Pat Kelly, Nursing Home Representative

Carol, Haugen, WV Hospital Association Alternate

Louise Reese, Primary Care Association Representative

Thom Stevens, WV Academy of Family Physicians Alternate

Dr. Matthew Christiansen, WV Academy Family Physicians Representative

Larry Robertson, Hospice Representative

Dr. Carol Buffington, Dental Representative

Mark Drennan, WV Behavioral Health Association Representative

Sarah Young, BMS Alternate

Bureau for Medical Services Employees Present

Ryan Sims, General Counsel

Tony Atkins, Deputy Commissioner, Finance, BMS

Penney Hall, Director, Special Projects, BMS

Dr. James Becker, Medical Director, BMS, via phone

Interested Parties Present via phone

Christy Donohue, The Health Plan

Rebecca Crowder, Lily's Place

Michelle Coon, Aetna

Donna Sands, Highmark

Carrie Ramsey, Unicare

Benita Whitman, Legal Aid

Sarah Stevens, Marshall University

John Law, KCHD

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Bureau for Medical Services Acting Commissioner Cindy Beane welcomed everyone to the special meeting, and announced the presentation of the Pediatric Residential Treatment Nursing Facility (PRTNF) State Plan Amendment (SPA). She explained these are facilities which have units for newborns undergoing withdrawal because their mothers used drugs prior to the birth. These units are so the newborns don't have to stay in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for a long period of time.

State Plan Amendments

Ryan Sims presented the PRTNF SPA. The SPA creates standards and services for a PRTNF and describes the rate methodology as well as rate reviews on an annual basis.

With leave of the committee Rebecca Crowder of Lily's Place addressed the Council. She said the legislation which was passed during the 2016 session was written for them. The Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification (OHFLAC) is going to do a review of the facility in the next few months. She said Lily's Place is a resident facility and not a nursing facility; she wanted to know if it would be covered under the SPA. Commissioner Beane pointed to page 27 of the SPA where it states "Facilities providing PRTNF 'like services', prior to September 1, 2016..." grandfathers in Lily's Place.

Crowder was also concerned about what the payment rate would be for Lily's Place, because they are currently getting more than what the SPA is proposing. Acting Commissioner Beane once again pointed to page 27 of the SPA which says "Facilities providing PRTNF 'like services', prior to September 1, 2016, using the child residential rate methodology will transition the facility's current billing rate to the PRNTF rate methodology as their Established Initial Rate." Acting Commissioner Beane said this is of course dependent on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approving the SPA as written. She said this is the first of its kind to CMS and thus BMS is expecting a lot of negotiating. Mark Drennan moved to approve the SPA. Dr. Carol Buffington seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. James Becker reported the Centers for Disease Control had released neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) data and West Virginia is leading the nation in the number of children born with NAS. He said that is why this SPA is so important.

Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned

Mark Drennan moved to adjourn. Carol Haugen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by:

Penney Hall
BMS, Special Projects Director