

MINUTES
MEDICAL SERVICES FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2017

Members and Alternates Present

Patrick Kelly, Chair, Nursing Home Representative
Cindy Beane, Commissioner, BMS
Sarah Young, Deputy Commissioner, BMS Alternate
Barbara Good, West Virginia State Medical Association Alternate
Gerry Stover, West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians Alternate
Matt Walker, West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians Alternate
Richard Stevens, Pharmacist Alternate
Larry E. Robertson, Hospice Representative
Mark Drennan, WV Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association Representative

DHHR Employees Present

Ryan Sims, General Counsel, BMS
Tony Atkins, Deputy Commissioner, Finance, BMS
Tanya Cyrus, DHHR, MMIS Operations Director
Vicki Cunningham, BMS
James Becker, BMS
Margaret Brown, BMS

Interested Parties Present

Tom Tuttle
Jean Kranz, The Lewin Group
Phil Shimer, TSG Consulting
Benita Whitman, Legal Aid
Katrina Harman, West Virginia Child Care Association
Matt Walker, WVLCG
Jennifer Britton, KEPRO

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chairman Patrick Kelly opened the meeting and announced the meeting was for informational purposes and no votes would be taken.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Kelly announced that there were no minutes from the March 31, 2017, meeting and asked that if anyone had notes available to please submit them to him.

Health Care Reform

Commissioner Cindy Beane discussed the federal health care bills being considered. She said BMS is in discussion with other states regarding healthcare reform.

State Plan Amendments

Substance Abuse Disorder Waiver

Commissioner Beane stated that it is anticipated that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will approve the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Waiver soon. She conducted a presentation about the SUD Waiver, showed the increasing level of drug overdoses in West Virginia and why the approval of the Waiver is important to Medicaid members. She also presented information of the additional services that the SUD Waiver will provide and how the Bureau for Medical Services will work with other Bureaus at the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to develop a strategic plan to make the SUD Waiver program successful. The Council discussed various aspects of the SUD Waiver.

Commissioner Beane explained the status of the state plan amendment for neonatal substance abuse centers such as Lily's Place. She stated the Bureau is working with CMS to determine the category it falls under and how they can fund Lily's Place. She stated it is currently funded through Child Residential Services, but additional information will not be available until October.

Policy Update

Deputy Commissioner of Operations Sarah Young provided a review of the policies that have been posted for public comment and the status of the review process of comments. M

She announced that the Bureau for Medical Services has hired a new Director of Provider Services.

She also announced the upcoming provider workshops including locations and registration information.

Bureau for Medical Services Medical Director Dr. James Becker announced the new Health Homes for Diabetes pilot program and the expansion of Health Homes for Bipolar Disorder statewide.

Finance Update

Deputy Commissioner of Finance Tony Atkins reviewed the cash balance summaries for 11 months. He discussed the 2018 budget and explained that Medicaid is funded with "hopeful" money. He moved onto expenditures, what was budgeted and what was actually spent and the outcome will not be a good if the "hopeful" money does not come through.

Information Technology Update

MMIS Operations Director Tanya Cyrus gave updates on the Fingerprint-Based Background Checks. She stated MCO providers must begin screening in 2018. Notices

will go out as a part of Phase One of provider enrollment. In Phase Two, currently enrolled providers will be notified then providers who have not been enrolled.

She announced that eventually annual medical cards will go away.

Director Cyrus also reminded everyone that Medicare is going to be transitioning from using Social Security numbers as identifiers to a new identification system.

Other Business

There was no other business to bring before the Council.

Public Comment

Richard Stevens stated Jeff Sessions and Dr. Price announced the country's largest sweep in prosecuting providers for fraud. Twelve providers have been caught making up to \$1.4 billion in false claims, no West Virginia providers were included.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:
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