

MINUTES
MEDICAL SERVICES FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
March 31, 2017

Members and Alternates Present

Patrick Kelly, Chair, Nursing Home Representative
Cindy Beane, Commissioner, BMS
Sarah Young, Deputy Commissioner, BMS Alternate
Chuck Thayer, Deputy Commissioner, BPH Alternate
Larry Robertson, Hospice Representative
Mark Drennan, WV Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association Representative
Dr. Mark Ayoubi, WV State Medical Association Representative
Gerry Stover, WV Academy of Family Physicians Alternate
Dennis Lewis, Pharmacist Representative
Richard Stevens, Pharmacist Alternate

DHHR Employees Present

Ryan Sims, General Counsel, BMS
Tony Atkins, Deputy Commissioner, Finance, BMS
Riley Romeo, Attorney III, BMS
Jon Cain, DHHR, Management Information Services
Kim Fetty, Project Management Director, BMS
Trina Crowder, DHHR, OIG, MFCU

Interested Parties Present

Tom Tuttle, Family Medical Supply
Benita Whitman, Legal Aid
Christy Donohue, The Health Plan
Perry Bryant, WVAHC
Jennifer Britton, KEPRO
Jean Kranz, Lewin
John Law, KCHD
Gary Knight, CMS
Staci Knight
Amanda Hiser, Molina
Steve Tud
Van Casn
Lynn Fruth, Fruth Pharmacy

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Bureau for Medical Services Commissioner Cindy Beane welcomed everyone to the meeting. She informed the Council of the passing of Member Representative Ralph Daniel Adkins and the council observed a moment of silence in honor of his service and commitment to the Council and the WV Medicaid members he so diligently represented. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Patrick Kelly.

Minutes

The minutes from the November 4, 2016, meeting were presented. The minutes were passed as presented.

Health Care Reform

Commissioner Beane shared a letter with the Council from the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Thomas Price, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator, Seema Verma. The letter was addressed to the Governor and affirmed their partnership with the state in improving Medicaid and the people it serves.

Policy Update

Deputy Commissioner Sarah Young reported on Medicaid policy chapters which were posted for public comment and that were posted as final.

She reported that over 700 people had registered for the Spring Provider Workshops April 3 through 13.

She reported that on April 1 the Bipolar Health Home was going state-wide. A second Health Homes project to address diabetes and obesity also began on April 1 in 14 counties.

Finance Update

Deputy Commissioner of Finance, Tony Atkins presented the finance report.

State Plan Amendments

General Counsel, Ryan Sims presented a state plan amendment (SPA).

- SPA 17-001 changes the pricing methodology for prescription drugs. The Council approved the SPA.

Information Technology Update

Jon Cain spoke about the possible opportunity for stakeholder input on for whether or not Medicaid could transition away from the use of the paper based medical ID cards since there are other means to verify eligibility such as using the Molina Automated Voice Response System (AVRS) or provider web portal.

Public Comment

Lynn Fruth spoke about the MCO Pharmacy benefit transition.

Meeting adjourned

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:
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