Board of Community Health
Meeting
January 14, 2016

Members Present
Norman Boyd
Clay Cox
Donna Thomas Moses
Michael Kleinpeter
Russ Childers
Allana Cummings
Anthony Williamson
Mark Trail
Roger Folsom

Members Absent

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Commissioner Clyde L. Reese, III was also present. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the December 10, 2015 and December 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Committee Report

Norman Boyd, Audit Committee Chairman reported the following:

- Committee members in attendance: Norman Boyd, Donna Thomas Moses and Roger Folsom.

- FY15 Audit:
  - Each year reveals a reduction in the number of audit findings and management points.
  - There were two re-occurring findings that consisted of financial accounts receivables/cash management and verification of Medicaid eligibility.
  - This will be the last audit conducted by the outside audit joint venture, Metcalf Davis/Mauldin Jenkins. The Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) will assume this responsibility as an independent auditor going forward.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Reese thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their attendance.

Commissioner Reese updated the Board on the following items:

1. The Governor issued the State of the State Address on January 13, 2016 in which he outlined his legislative and budget priorities for the state.

   The Board previously approved the AFY16 and FY17 budget recommendations last fall. The proposal was presented to the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) and then included in the larger state budget and presented to the General Assembly.

   There were minimal changes in what the DCH Board approved that will be in the Governor's recommended budget.

   Hearings will proceed and the General Assembly approves and votes on the AFY16 and then the FY17 budget.

2. DCH's Scheduled Hearings
   - AFY16 and FY17 Joint Budget Hearing, Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 2:45 p.m. in room 341.
   - AFY16 Joint Subcommittee Budget Hearing, Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 8:20 a.m. in room 341.
3. Procurement-New Care Management Organizations (CMOs)
   - Notice of Intent to Award (NOIA) was issued to the incumbent companies:
     - WellCare
     - Peach State
     - Amerigroup
     - CareSource- A Medicaid managed care firm primarily located in Ohio.

   - There was an opportunity for protest from companies that bid and did not receive an award. Three protests were received and are currently under review by the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS).

- The initial procurement schedule for the new CMOs included a one year implementation period to ensure a smooth transition into the new contract with no disruption in services to members. Since we are now in the month of January, there will be less than a six month period after the conclusion of the protest period. In order to avoid a rushed transition and implementation particularly with a new vendor included, DCH asked the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for two six month current contract extensions with the three incumbents. The three incumbents as well as the 4th potential new vendor have been notified of this decision. The Department is hopeful to only utilize one of the six month extensions as well as an expeditious approval from CMS so new contracts with the CMO vendors will be effective January 1, 2017.

4. First Lady Sandra Deal's Georgia Children's Cabinet Servant's Heart Award
   - This award is dedicated to the recognition of state employees that not only provide public service within their profession, but also volunteer in their own personal capacity to provide services and assistance to children.

     Each agency was asked to nominate an employee. DCH formed a nominating committee to review staff members featured that in our agency's monthly newsletter for the past 12 months that volunteer in the community. Commissioner Reese publically recognized DCH's nominee Elizabeth Brooks, an attorney in our Program Integrity Unit. Ms. Brooks provides services and companionship to children that have encountered the loss of a parent, sibling or close relative.

     Ms. Deal invited each of the nominees and a guest of their choice to the Governor's Mansion for a private tour and coffee on January 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

   - DCH is a member of the Children's Cabinet which is a group of state agencies that in some facet touch the lives of children by providing services or funding. This group meets every other month at the Governor's Mansion.

Linda Wiant, Chief, Medical Assistance Plans, presented the Public Notice on changes to reimbursement methodology for Hospice Services to the Board for final adoption.

DCH follows Medicare reimbursement methodology for hospice services. CMS published a change in methodology, effective January 1, 2016.

- Establishing two tiers for reimbursement, one for the first 60 days of enrollment in a hospice and one for day 61 forward;
- A service intensity add-on payment for the last 7 days of life;
- A rate differential for providers who participate in collecting and submitting quality data.

The fiscal impact of the change for FY16 is $2,967,468 in total funds and for FY17 is $5,934,936 in total funds. The total annualized fiscal impact is $5.9 million. The proposed rates are outlined in the Public Notice.

An opportunity for public comment was held on December 14, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before December 21, 2015. There were no oral or written public comments received.

Allana Cummings MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Georgia Hospice Reimbursement Update Public Notice. Mark Trail SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Georgia Hospice Reimbursement Update Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Brian Dowd, Program Director Waiver Programs, re-introduced the Public Notice of the waiver renewal of the Comprehensive Supports (COMP) Waiver to the Board for initial adoption.

In response to initial comments in reference to adequate time to make comments on the COMP waiver, DCH reintroduced the waiver for public comment and public notice period.

No changes or modifications were made to the waiver from the initial public comment period. DCH is proposing the following changes to the waiver:

- Eight rates for Community Residential Services on a tiered basis commensurate with the clinically-assessed level of need of the waiver participant and capacity of the residential setting.
- Rates for an Additional Residential Staffing service to provide support to medically or behaviorally complex waiver participants whose high needs exceed the staff hours compensated through the proposed Category 4 residential rates outlined above.
- Six rates for Community Living Support Services, to include the addition of an "extended" rate to reflect lower provider cost in the areas of travel compensation and unproductive time not incurred in service delivery to the same waiver participant during a visit of three hours or more. Proposed rates also reflect the addition of Shared Community Living Support Services, designed to accommodate staffing patterns that reflect the ability of two or three waiver participants to live semi-independently through sharing one staff member for oversight and limited assistance.
- Five rates for Respite Services that facilitate respite in the participant's family home for short periods of time and in an out-of-home setting for overnight or full-day use.

- Adult Nutrition Services using the current reimbursement rate and procedure codes approved in the Medicaid State Plan and provided under the Children's Intervention Services Program.
- An increase in the maximum allowable expenditure for Adult Therapy Services not otherwise reimbursed through Home Health Services or other State Plan Programs.

A public hearing to receive comments will be held on January 19, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments may be submitted to the Department through January 26, 2016. This public notice will be presented to the Board for final adoption at the February 11, 2016 Board Meeting.

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve for Initial adoption Comprehensive Supports Waiver Renewal Program (COMP) Public Notice. Michael Kleinpeter SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program Renewal (COMP) Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Brian Dowd, Program Director Waiver Programs, introduced the Public Notice of the waiver renewal of the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) to the Board for initial adoption.

No additional service or rate modifications are being made to the ICWP waiver at this time. The ICWP waiver renewal establishes new cost neutrality limits. DCH is introducing public comment in compliance with CMS Home and Community Based Setting's Rule.

A public hearing to receive comments will be held on January 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments may be submitted to the Department through February 22, 2016. This public notice will be presented to the Board for final adoption at the March 10, 2016 Board Meeting.

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve for Initial adoption Independent Care Waiver (ICWP) Public Notice. Mark Trail SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

Melanie Simon, Executive Director, Healthcare Facility Regulation Division, presented the proposed revised Rules and Regulations for Private Home Care Providers, Chapter

111-8-65-.03 to the Board for initial adoption. The revised rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21 and O.C.G.A. § 31-6-21.1.

Board members were provided a copy of the synopsis of proposed rule changes and revised rules. During the oral presentation, the revision in response to the adoption of HB 183 was discussed:

- Revision of the definition of private home care provider in accordance with the requirements of House Bill 183.

A public hearing to receive comments on the rules will be held on February 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments may be submitted to the Department through February 25, 2016. The rules will be presented to the Board for final adoption at the March 10, 2016 Board Meeting.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Rules and Regulations for Private Home Care Providers Rule Change. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 9, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Rules and Regulations for Private Home Care Providers Rule Change is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #6).

New Business/Closing Comments

Commissioner Reese extended his sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Roderick L. Grubbs "R.L." who passed this week. Mr. Grubbs was a valued Medicaid employee since late 2007 as well as an outstanding gentlemen. Memorial services will be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 2016 at Central Presbyterian Church.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 14th DAY OF January, 2016.

Donna Thomas Moses
Secretary

Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

#1 List of Attendees

#2 Agenda

#3 Georgia Hospice Reimbursement Update Public Notice

#4 Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program Renewal (COMP) Public Notice

#5 Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice

#6 Rules and Regulations for Private Home Care Providers Rule Change