

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COMMUNITY HEALTH MEETING
June 11, 2009**

Members Present

Ross Mason, Vice Chairman
Kim Gay, Secretary
Dr. Ann McKee Parker
Archer Rose
Raymond Riddle

Members Absent

Richard Holmes, Chairman
Dr. Inman English

The Board of Community Health held its monthly meeting at the Department of Community Health, Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Vice Chairman Mason called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the May 14 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED and ADOPTED.

Committee Report

Archer Rose, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported that committee members had an opportunity to meet with the independent auditors and discuss pre-audit activities. The independent auditors expect to report on the audit findings around Thanksgiving. Mr. Rose said the Audit Committee reviewed the charter and proposed a change to the charter for the Board's consideration. Mr. Rose MADE a MOTION to amend the charter to indicate that the committee would meet four times a calendar year rather than once per quarter. Mr. Riddle SECONDED the MOTION. Vice Chairman Mason called for votes; votes taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Kim Gay, Chair of the Care Management Committee, reported that managed care enrollment has increased; therefore claims payments have increased about 2.3%. Ms. Gay said next month staff will introduce the performance improvement project.

Department Updates

Carie Summers, Chief Financial Officer, presented three items for the board's consideration. The Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocations for Private Hospitals was released for public comment in May. This public notice reflects a change to the current State Medicaid Plan to allow the Department to pay a percentage less than 100% of the non-deemed, private hospital DSH allocation so the Department can match payments with the available state matching fund source appropriated for this purpose in FY 2009. The Department received no written or oral comments on the proposed change. Ms. Gay MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Disproportionate Share Hospital Allocations for Private Hospitals Public Notice. Mr. Rose SECONDED the MOTION. Vice Chairman Mason called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Disproportionate Share Hospital Allocations for Private Hospitals Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 3).

Next Ms. Summers presented the Nursing Home Services Public Notice that was initially adopted at the May 14 meeting and relates to implementing the nursing home fair rental value methodology and enhancing the nursing home quality incentive program. The Department received one comment in support of this public notice. Ms. Gay MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Nursing Home Services Public Notice. Dr. Parker SECONDED the MOTION. Vice Chairman Mason called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Nursing Home Services Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 4).

Ms. Summers presented A Resolution – Revision of Employer Contributions for Public School Teachers State Health Benefit Plan. This resolution relates to the June 2009 employer contributions for public school teachers that the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) receives as a percent of payroll. Previously the Board approved a contribution rate of 3.688% of total state-based salaries. The resolution presented today asks for a revision such that the June 2009 contribution is reduced to 0%; that is the Department would not receive any employer contribution from a percent of payroll on behalf of teachers during June 2009 only. This would impact the SHBP about \$18.7 million. This action was requested due to the continuing FY 2009 budget constraints and as a result of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget's request to all state agencies to withhold the last week of allotments in June. The SHBP would end FY 2009 with all liabilities covered and a positive fund balance. In FY 2010, it is expected that the fund balance would be reduced from \$20.4 million to \$1.6 million. Ms. Gay MADE a MOTION to adopt a Resolution – Revision of Employer Contributions for Public School Teachers State Health Benefit Plan. Dr. Parker SECONDED the MOTION. Vice Chairman Mason called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of Resolution – Revision of Employer Contributions for Public School Teachers State Health Benefit Plan is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 5).

Dr. Jerry Dubberly, Chief, Medical Assistance Plans, presented the Community Mental Health Services Public Notice. Effective for services provided on and after July 1, 2009, and subject to payment at Fee-for-Service rates, DCH is proposing to move from a bundled methodology to an unbundled reimbursement methodology based upon the practitioner type, service costs, location of services, and productivity factors as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The changes are estimated to be budget neutral. The Department received no oral comments but five written comments. He summarized the comments and the Department's response to the comments. Dr. Parker MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Community Mental Health Services Public Notice. Mr. Rose SECONDED the MOTION. Vice Chairman Mason called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Community Mental Health Services Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 6).

Next Dr. Dubberly discussed the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Programs Public Notice. On October 31, 2008, the Mental Retardation Waiver Program and Community Habilitation and Support Services Waiver Program both ended and the Department transitioned those services to two new waivers—New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver (COMP). The public notice serves to correct an issue the Department found post-transition in the rates for Community Living services and Respite Services. These changes are estimated to be budget neutral. During the public comment period the Department received three comments. Dr. Parker MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Programs Public Notice. Ms. Gay SECONDED the MOTION. Vice Chairman Mason called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Programs Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 7).

Dr. Dubberly moved on to the Further Delay of HB 990 (2008) Rate Enhancements Public Notice. He said House Bill 990, the Appropriations Act for FY 2009, called for certain rate changes for specific provider types. Those rate changes were deferred due to economic and budget constraints. The 2010 Appropriations Act (HB 119) further delayed those reimbursement rates with the exception of some Nursing Facilities reimbursement. A public hearing was held and the Department received one oral comment but no written comments. Dr. Parker MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption the Further Delay of HB 990 (2008) Rate Enhancements Public Notice. Ms. Gay SECONDED the MOTION. Vice Chairman Mason called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Further Delay of HB 990 (2008) Rate Enhancements Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 8).

Mr. James Peoples, Executive Director, Health Improvement Programs, presented proposed changes to Georgia Volunteer Health Care Rules 111-5-1-.01, 111-5-1-.02, 111-5-1-.04, 111-5-1-.05, 111-5-1-.06 and 111-5-1-.14. Mr. Peoples stated that the Georgia Volunteer Health Care Program was created to provide an incentive to physicians who volunteer their time to treat uninsured and underserved persons in this state. It was also created as another tool to address the issue of Georgia's growing uninsured. Currently the program serves 50 counties and over 75 providers and clinics participating in the program. He said the proposed changes will allow more flexibility in administering and growing the program. Rule 111-5-1-.01 simplifies processes and aligns the rules with Senate Bill 133 and House Bill 228 by allowing the Department to expand the type of providers that can participate in the program. Rule 111-5-1-.02 revises language governing the services of volunteers to inject flexibility into those services. Rule 111-5-1-.04 amends existing rules to redirect patient responsibilities from volunteers back to the patient. Rule 111-5-1-.05 eliminates unnecessary administrative burdens, injects flexibility and simplifies the referral process. Rule 111-5-1-.06 changes language for income requirements and the processes to report changes to a patient's financial status. 111-5-1-.14 eliminates duplicative reporting requirements. Mr. Peoples concluded his overview after addressing questions from the Board. Ms. Gay MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Georgia Volunteer Health Care Rules 111-5-1-.01, 111-5-1-.02, 111-5-1-.04, 111-5-1-.05, 111-5-1-.06 and 111-5-1-.14 to be published for public comment. Dr. Parker SECONDED the MOTION. Vice Chairman Mason called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (Copies of Georgia Volunteer Health Care Rules 111-5-1-.01, 111-5-1-.02, 111-5-1-.04, 111-5-1-.05, 111-5-1-.06 and 111-5-1-.14 are attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 9).

Vice Chairman Mason asked Dr. Medows to begin the overview of the new DCH Organization Structure. She said last year the Governor and the Legislature convened a Health and Human Services Task Force and passed legislation restructuring health and human services. The result of that reorganization is the creation of a new Department of Human Services, led by Commissioner B. J. Walker, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, led by Commissioner Frank Shelp, and the newly expanded Department of Community Health. The DCH expansion includes the Public Health Division and its programs and the facilities regulation portion of the Office of Regulatory Services which will become the new division of Healthcare Facility Regulation. She read the current mission statement for DCH, ORS, and Public Health and stated that the three missions drive toward a common goal—healthy people and a healthy Georgia.

Dr. Medows reviewed the organizational chart for the new Department of Community Health and pointed out the new Public Health Advisory Committee that will advise the Division of Public Health. The Trauma Care Network Commission will be attached to the Department also. She said she will remain as Commissioner of DCH and serve as the newly appointed State Health Officer. She will also serve as Acting Public Health Director until the Governor appoints the Public Health Director. The new Healthcare Facility Regulation Division will be led by Doug Colburn and the new Emergency Preparedness and

Response Division (that will work in coordination with the Public Health Division) will be led by Dr. Patrick O'Neal.

Dr. Carladenise Edwards, Chief of Staff, reviewed at a high level the reorganization of the Public Health Division. The division is organized into two major sections. One section will be led by a Deputy Director of Public Health Administration and will contain a field operations unit, state operations unit, and DCH Enterprise Coordination unit or person. The other section will be led by a Deputy Director of Public Health Programs. She said this section is the core of what Public Health is all about in addition to Emergency Preparedness which has been raised to division level. Dr. Edwards gave an overview of each Public Health Program unit. She said the Department is excited about the opportunity to improve the delivery of services and the health outcomes for Georgians through this new organizational structure. (A copy of the New Organizational Structure presentation is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 10).

Dr. Dubberly shared with the Board the new organizational structure of the Medicaid Division. He said in June 2008 the Medicaid Division and Managed Care Division were merged. Beginning July 1, 2009, the programs will be further integrated and will be comprised of four units: Provider Policy, Member Services, Performance Quality and Outcome, and Operations. He gave a brief description of the responsibilities of each unit. (A copy of the Medicaid Division Functional Org Chart is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 11).

Mr. Doug Colburn gave an overview of the Healthcare Facility Regulation Division. He reviewed the organizational chart which indicates two sections: 1. investigations and complaints and 2. regulation (surveys and certification). In the future, the new division will work toward developing a new approach to streamline business processes, a new web site that is faster and more valuable to consumers and the providers, and a concentration on workforce training. (A copy of the Healthcare Facility Regulation Division Overview is attached hereto and made an official part of these Minutes as Attachment # 12).

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Medows announced that today the World Health Organization (WHO) changed the status of its assessment of the H1N1 Influenza and declared a pandemic worldwide. She says this does not mean that there has been a change in the severity of the illness; it simply means that it has been acknowledged that there is a sustained human to human transition across two continents. The Georgia Emergency Management Agency will be the lead agency that will coordinate all information across health, human services and emergency management agencies. DCH and the Public Health Division will provide support.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Vice Chairman Mason adjourned the June 11 meeting at 11:38 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE _____

DAY OF _____, 2009.

RICHARD L. HOLMES
Chairman

KIM GAY
Secretary

Official Attachments:

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- #2 Agenda
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- #6 Community Mental Health Services Public Notice
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- #8 Further Delay of HB 990 (2008) Rate Enhancements Public Notice
- #9 Georgia Volunteer Health Care Rules 111-5-1-.01, 111-5-1-.02, 111-5-1-.04, 111-5-1-.05, 111-5-1-.06 and 111-5-1-.14
- #10 New Organizational Structure Presentation
- #11 Medicaid Division Functional Org Chart
- #12 Healthcare Facility Regulation Division Overview