

Board of Community Health
Meeting (Teleconference)
October 8, 2015

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). Commissioner Reese presided and called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

None to report.

Committee Reports

None to report.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Reese issued a reminder that public hearings to receive comments on the Rules and Regulations for Finality of Hearing Officer's Decision; Optional Review of Hearing Officer's Decision by Department Commissioner Rule Change will be held on

October 13, 2015 at 10:30 am and Rules and Regulations for Short-Stay Hospital Beds Rule Change on October 13, 2015 at 11:00 am 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 October 13, 2015.

Commissioner Reese encouraged anyone who is interested in making or listening to the public comments attend these scheduled hearings.

Marcey Alter, Assistant Chief of Medicaid for Policy and Provider Services, presented to the Board a request for final adoption the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice related to a reimbursement rate increase for individuals with severe physical disabilities or traumatic brain injury. The increase is to add 75 cents per hour to the rate for Personal Support Services. The state legislature approved this increase in the FY2016 budget. Approval is also required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as well as by the DCH Board. The projected annual impact to the DCH budget is just over \$4million annually in total value and just under \$2million annually in state share.

There was an opportunity for public comment on September 15, 2015 and written comments were due by September 22, 2015. No oral or written comments were received. However, Ms. Alter made reference to Ms. Dawn Alford, a recipient of the ICWP services in the audience who had informally discussed with Ms. Alter this meaningful increase.

Ms. Alter added that the Legislature approved this increase to go toward direct pay increases to the personal care workers. The Board had no questions.

Donna Thomas Moses MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice. Roger Folsom 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 #3).

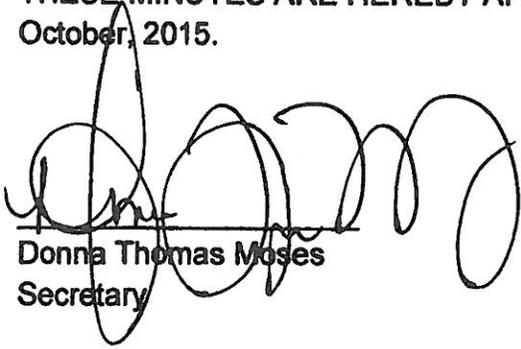
New Business

None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Commissioner Reese adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 8th DAY OF
October, 2015.



Donna Thomas Moses
Secretary



Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) Public Notice