

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF COMMUNITY HEALTH MEETING
October 8, 2009**

Members Present

Richard Holmes, Chairman
Ross Mason, Vice Chairman
Kim Gay, Secretary
Norman Boyd
Dr. Inman C. "Buddy" English
Archer Rose

Members Absent

Raymond Riddle
Sidney Kirschner
Hannah Heck

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Department of Community Health, Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner, was present also. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Holmes called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Chairman Holmes stated that there are two changes to the agenda. Approval of the September 10 Minutes and the SHBP Resolution – Direct Bill Rates for December 2009 will be postponed to the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Kim Gay, Chairman of the Care Management Committee, reported that Certified Public Accounts firm Myers and Stauffer presented to the Committee a Georgia Families Assessment of Global Analysis of Dental Claims. Myers and Stauffer will present more information at the next committee meeting.

Archer Rose, Chairman of the Audit Committee, said the independent auditors indicated that work on the FY 2009 Financial Statement and Single Audit is on target and the final report should be completed and reported by Thanksgiving. Myers and Stauffer presented and overview of Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids™ benefits testing for State Fiscal Year 2009. For several years the Department has engaged Myers and Stauffer to test claims payments made through the MMIS and RxClaim systems. Mr. Rose said there were several significant outcomes that centered on duplication of records and mispayments for newborns. Myers and Stauffer will continue to sample claims and trend payment errors. He said Myers and Stauffer staff acknowledged the Department's proactive approach to identifying claims issues and recouping overpayments.

Commissioner's Comments

Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner of DCH, reported on the availability of the H1N1 vaccine. Georgia received 50,000 nasal dosages in which the District Health Offices distributed portions of the supply to targeted providers in the community. Georgia also received an additional 50,000 nasal dosages of the nasal spray that will be given to targeted providers that address needs of children. A third supply of approximately 50,000 injectable dosages will be available within the next week. Those will go first to health care workers, pregnant women and high risk children and adults. Information about where the vaccines can be obtained will be posted shortly to the DCH web site. A search tool will be available so that the public can obtain by zip code providers who have vaccine supplies. There will also be a call center operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week to take questions from the public about H1N1 influenza, seasonal flu and vaccines for both.

Department Updates

Clyde Reese, General Counsel, asked the board to consider for final adoption proposed changes to State Health Benefit Plan Rule 111-4-1-.06(6)(b). The change adds language to the State Health Benefit Plan rules in an attempt to inject flexibility to allow retirees to change to a Medicare Advantage Plan option outside of the regular annual retiree option change period. A public hearing was held September 23. Two persons attended the hearing but did not speak. The Department received one written comment that was not applicable to this rule change. The Board UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED for final adoption SHBP Rule 111-4-1-.06(6)(b). (A copy of Rule 111-4-1-.06(6)(b) is attached hereto and made an official part of these MINUTES as Attachment # 3).

Carie Summers, Chief Financial Officer, presented two public notices for initial adoption. Effective for dates of services on or after October 6, 2009, the H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Administration Reimbursement Public Notice would allow the Department to pay providers an \$8 fee to administer the H1N1 vaccine to adults. This fee is consistent with the vaccine administration rate described for children under the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) programs guideline. The drug is provided free of charge by the federal government. The fiscal impact of this change for adult Medicaid is estimated to be about \$5 million total funds. Mr. Mason MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Administration Reimbursement Public Notice to be published for public comment. Ms. Gay SECONDED the MOTION. Mr. Holmes called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Administration Reimbursement Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these MINUTES as Attachment # 4).

Ms. Summers said the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) Public Notice would allow the Department to make reimbursement changes effective January 1, 2010. The public notice will 1. permit the use of more recent cost reports based on audited financial results for years more recent than PRTF 2006 fiscal year; 2. define the mid-point of each rate year as January 1 and trend for inflation up to the \$370/day cap; 3. increase the utilization adjustment factor from 80% to 90% to minimize payment for excess capacity; and 4. clarify that rates for new providers, initially based on the median rate of existing PRTFs, are interim rates and are subject to cost settlement up to the existing \$370/day cap once audited cost reports are available. These changes are expected to be budget neutral. A public hearing will be held on October 28, 2009. Mr. Mason MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities Public Notice to be published for public comment. Ms. Gay SECONDED the MOTION. Mr. Holmes called for votes; votes were taken. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. (A copy of the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these MINUTES as Attachment # 5).

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Holmes adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

RICHARD L. HOLMES
Chairman

KIM GAY
Secretary

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Rule 111-4-1-.06(6)(b)
- #4 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Administration
Reimbursement Public Notice
- #5 Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
Public Notice