Minutes: Medicaid Services Advisory Committee

Date: 10/8/2019
Time: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Location: Room 2360, Elmer Andersen Building, 540 Cedar St. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Participation
Participating members: Shannon Bakshian, Christine Foulkes, Kerri Gordon, George Klauser, Bob Marcum, Micah Niemann, Beth McMullen, Dominic McQuerry, Kate Quale, Lynette Tahtinen, Brad Teslow
DHS staff: Krista O’Connor
Presenters: Mat Spaan (DHS), Lisa Cariveau (DHS), Rebeca Sedarski (DHS), Krista O’Connor (DHS)

Welcome and new member introduction
Krista O’Connor opened the meeting by welcoming the members. Krista also welcomed public participants and noted there was a public comment period at the end of the meeting. The HCA vision, MSAC purpose and duties were reviewed. The meeting agenda was also reviewed.

Krista introduced Interim Health Care Administration, Assistant Commissioner Tom Moss. Tom worked at DHS nearly 19 years ago and is committed to the work being done within this agency. He has years of experience providing consulting services to large organizations and government agencies.

The Medicaid Services Advisory Committee is comprised of three categories which include beneficiaries/caregivers of beneficiaries, physicians/providers and non-profit/human services/consumer organizations. Seven new individuals were recently appointed to the committee. Both current and new members introduced themselves and provided a bit of background on the knowledge and skills they bring to the committee. Krista explained that two tribal seats remain open.

As current members completed the oath of office paperwork, prior members approved the meeting minutes from the 7/9/2019 meeting. Due to time constraints, 2020 meeting dates and topics were not discussed and will be addressed via follow up emails.

Integrated Health Partnerships
Mat Spaan, Care Delivery and Payment Reform Manager, provided an update on the Integrated Health Partnership program. Mat explained that the next generation of the Integrated Health Partnership will not be an option within the next managed care procurement. Instead, the program will focus on enhancing enrollee engagement and experience, enhanced performance measures that prioritize patient outcomes, and evolve the payment model that continues to support incentives and responsibilities. Mat indicated that conversations with stakeholders will continue as the program evolves.
Case Management Redesign

Lisa Cariveau, interim Director of Community and Care Integration Reform division and Rebeca Sedarski, Community Engagement Coordinator provided an overview of case management redesign activities, the community engagement efforts. Lisa started by discussing the differences between targeted case management, waivered case management, and non-MA funded case management. It is necessary to redesign these services to define the service, simplify the process, and address disparities. The DHS was also legislatively mandated to redesign Medicaid funded case management services. Lisa discussed the planning framework, the structure, definitions, and financial analysis activities happening with the work.

Rebeca Sedarski provided an overview of the community engagement efforts incorporated into the work to hear directly from the people being served. The work includes additional community engagement events, ensuring the community input informs decision making, program and policy development, implementation and evaluation. She also indicated they will reconnect with the communities to provide updates.

Case management redesign will require a series of legislative changes in the 2021 session and the 2023 session. Staff will continue to seek input from the Medicaid Services Advisory Committee as the work moves forward.

More information on Case Management Redesign can be found at: https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/minnesota-health-care-programs/case-management-redesign/

Blue Ribbon Commission on Health and Human Services

Krista O’Connor, Strategic Development Director, provided an overview of the Blue Ribbon Commission which was enacted during the 2019 legislative session. The charge of the commission is to create an action plan that will improve program efficiencies, produce savings and promote better outcomes in health and human services. The action plan is due to the legislature on October 1, 2020. The Commission is chaired by Commissioners Malcolm (MDH) and Harpstead (DHS) and comprised of 15 additional members. The Commission plans on stakeholder and community engagement.

More information on the Blue Ribbon Commission can be found at: https://mn.gov/dhs/hhsbrc/

Public comment

Public comment is offered at all Medicaid Services Advisory Committee meetings. No public comment was offered at the 10 8 2019 meeting.

Adjourn and next meeting

The Medicaid Services Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:30. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm, Elmer Andersen Building, room 2360.

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