

Meeting Minutes: Health Services Advisory Council (HSAC)

Date: 03/21/2023

Minutes prepared by: Laurie Engeldinger BSN RN, Inpatient Policy Coordinator

Location: Anderson Building/Virtual WebEx meeting

Attendance

- **HSAC Committee members present:**
 - ✓ **Amy Burt**, DO, FAAP, CHIE – Physician Representing a Health Care Plan
 - ✓ **Nathan Chomilo**, MD, FAAP, FACP – Medical Director for Minnesota Health Care Programs– Non-voting
 - ✓ **Sagar Dugani**, MD, MPH – Physician
 - ✓ **Tenbit Emiru**, MD, PhD, MBA – Physician Representing a Health Care Plan
 - ✓ **Scott Hegstad**, MD - Physician Representing a Health Care Plan
 - ✓ **Richard Printon**, DC – Non-Physician Health Care Professional
 - ✓ **Saudade Samuelson**, Consumer
 - ✓ **Daniel Stein**, MD, MPH – Physician
 - ✓ **Claudia Thomas**, MD, FACP – Physician
 - ✓ **Michael Thorn**, APRN, CNP, RN, MSN, MHA, Non-Physician Health Care Professional

- **Absent:**
 - ✓ **Mame (Samba) Fall**, Consumer
 - ✓ **Howard Fink**, MD, MPH – Physician Specialist

- **Guests present:**
 - ✓ Maran Anderson
 - ✓ Caitlan Baldwin
 - ✓ Greta Bauer
 - ✓ Bonnie Bolash
 - ✓ Derek Bush
 - ✓ Phil Duran
 - ✓ Cesar Gonzalez
 - ✓ Valerie King
 - ✓ Karlton Laster
 - ✓ Kelsey Leanard Smith
 - ✓ Becky Meyer
 - ✓ Katy Miller
 - ✓ Isabel Oxenfield
 - ✓ Kris Poppie

- ✓ Jon Poquiz
- ✓ Kate Spencer
- ✓ Jennifer Vencil

DHS Staff Present:

- ✓ Laurie Engeldinger
- ✓ Mark Forsman
- ✓ Lovena Kabba
- ✓ Carol LaBine
- ✓ Sarah Orange
- ✓ Caralyn Schnick
- ✓ Diogo Reis
- ✓ Megan Warfield-Kimball

Minutes

- **Welcome: Dr. Chomilo**
 - Welcome and introductions
 - HSAC committee statue review
 - Committee and agenda process discussion
- **Committee Operations: Cara Schnick**
 - Oath of office – Members to sign the oath of office and return to Cara
 - Honorarium offered for each meeting – Members must submit a W4 and related paperwork to start this process.
 - Mileage and parking if applicable – Available if members attend in person. Members must submit a W4 and related paperwork begin process
 - Term limits were discussed; 1/3 of the committee rotates off each year.
 - Committee chair nominations were discussed. Members interested in nominating themselves or others should contact Cara prior to the next meeting.
 - Poll taken for meeting time/day preferences. April 19th, 2023 was agreed on for the next meeting date.
- **Background on Policy Process/Topics: Diogo Reis**
 - Expectations of committee
 - Basics of the topic process discussed
 - First topic: Gender Affirming Care was introduced
 - Discussion and presentations likely to last for three meetings with presenters and discussions.
- **Gender Affirming Care Presented: Lovena Kabba**

- The committee received a presentation by Lovena Kabba regarding MHCP's current coverage policies related to gender affirming care and presented the questions at issue to the committee.
- [Endocrine Society Standards](#)
- [WPATH Standards Version 8](#)
- **Group Discussion**
 - Dr. Miller wanted to clarify puberty blockers versus hormone therapy
Action: slides will be updated to clarify that point
 - Caitlan Baldwin wanted to clarify that column one on slide26 should state genital surgery
Action: Slide will be updated to reflect this.
 - Greta Bauer wanted to clarify Tanner stage 2 stage assessment is not used for surgery decision
Action: Slide to be updated
 - Dr. Miller was interested if facial feminization surgeries are addressed
Action: Further discussion will continue
 - Phil Duran and Cesar Gonzalez commented that DHS excludes face/neck hair removal. These procedures have been overturned by DHS judges. They would like the committee to address this topic.
Action: Further discussion will continue
 - Mark Forsman requested that acronyms be spelled out initially for complete clarity and understanding.
Action: It was agreed acronyms will be spelled out initially.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 19th

Time: 5P-7P

Location: Anderson Building/Virtual Teams

Agenda items: Gender Confirming Care topic continues with presentations of the national standards and discussion with experts.