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Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2017

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Board Members Present: Kay Van Woert, Lisa Maynes, Amy Vaughan, Jessa Barnard (phone), Joan Lavoie, Michelle Fay, Dale Hackett, Paul Bakeman (phone), Julie Tessler, Georgia Maheras, Nate Waite and Mike Fisher.

Board Members Absent: Sharon Winn, Laura Pelosi, Sharon Henault, Vaughn Collins, Gladys Konstantin and Rebecca Heintz.

Other Interested Parties Present: Kelly Lange (BCBSVT), Sara Barry (OneCare Vermont), Tyler Gauthier (OneCare Vermont), Kirsten Murphy (Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council), Susan Gretkowski (MVP, phone), Toby Howe (Vermont Health Care Association), Brendan Hogan (Optum, phone), Martha Manning and Kelly Barnier(Maximus)

Staff Present: Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA): Deputy Commissioner Michael Costa, Addie Strumolo, Steve Odefey, Alexandra Jasinowski, Amy Simons and Molly Waldstein; Vermont Department of Health (VDH): Betty Morse

HANDOUTS

- Agenda
- Global Commitment Register (handout)
- OneCare Model of Care (presentation)

*all are posted to the VHC website

CONVENE

Mike Fisher and Julie Tessler chaired the meeting.

Welcome/Introductions/Approval of Minutes

Board members and meeting attendees introduced themselves around the room. A quorum of 12 members was present. September meeting minutes were approved unanimously with an amendment to correct the spelling of Kirsten Murphy's name.

Meeting Protocol—Mike Fisher and Julie Tessler

Mike Fisher and Julie Tessler, MEAB co-chairs, discussed issues relating to meeting protocol. Following some discussion, the group agreed informally to permit guests to make comments during the course of meetings, rather than restricting their commentary to the public comments portion of the proceedings. The co-chairs also requested that, although at times unavoidable, members should seek to minimize distractions which come along with multi-tasking during meetings to the extent possible. Members are invited to offer feedback to the chairs regarding meeting structure and protocols.

OneCare Model of Care—Sara Barry, OneCare Vermont

Sara Barry, OneCare Vermont, reviewed the OneCare Model of Care. Covered topics included:

- Focus on four communities: St. Albans, Burlington, Berlin, Middlebury, with significant expansion expected in 2018.
- Care coordination goals

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- Population health approach to care
- Care navigators
- Enhanced care coordination training model
- Vermont Medicaid Next Generation

The full presentation can be viewed online at:

[http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/sites/hcexchange/files/Advisory Board/OCV%20Care%20Coord MEAB 102317.pdf](http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/sites/hcexchange/files/Advisory_Board/OCV%20Care%20Coord_MEAB_102317.pdf)

EPSDT Working Group Update—Kay Van Woert

Kay Van Woert reported on the activities of the EPSDT working group. She also requested the institution of a new working group dedicated to the discussion of issues surrounding provider workforce. Kay pointed out that this issue influences many areas of healthcare, including EPSDT. In addition, Kay posed a question regarding how the ACO might streamline access to services for families with severely disabled children moving forward, and also indicated some challenges with early intervention funding.

Other Matters

Mike Fisher raised the subject of how to communicate the continued availability of cost sharing reductions to Vermonters in light of regular press coverage indicating that those subsidies have been terminated. The group agreed that regular updates from DVHA regarding developments at the federal level would be a helpful addition to the regular MEAB agenda.

Julie Tessler gave brief update on progress with MEAB recruitment. The deadline for applications has been extended to December 1, and the recruitment packet is available for any MEAB member to distribute as appropriate. Any questions should be directed to Molly at molly.waldstein@vermont.gov.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Topics for Regular Update:

- Vermont Health Connect Quarterly Update
- Commissioner Updates (Current Topics Discussion)
- GC Waiver (as Necessary)
- Quarterly Advocate Report (Legal Aid)

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Future Meeting Topics:

- DCF Update
- DVHA Score Cards
- Healthcare Advocate's Quarterly Update

Next Meeting

November 20, 2017

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Site: DVHA, State Office Complex, Waterbury, VT

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