

Medicaid & Exchange Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2017

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

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

Other Interested Parties Present: Kelly Lange (BCBS), Tracy Roux (Vermont Assistive Technology Program), Kirsten Murphy (Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council), Susan Gretkowski (MVP), Bram Kleppner (Danforth Pewterers, phone), Lucie Garand (Downs Rachlin Martin, phone) and Brendan Hogan (Optum, phone)

Staff Present: Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA): Deputy Commissioner Michael Costa, Ashley Berliner, Dani Fuoco, Amy Simons and Molly Waldstein; Vermont Department of Health (VDH): Betty Morse.

HANDOUTS

- Agenda
- Global Commitment Register (handout)
- Legislative Proposals: (presentation)
- Open Enrollment Poster (handout)
- Bronze Plan Flyer (handout)
- MEAB 6-26-17 Draft Minutes
- Vermont Health Connect Quarterly Update (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 14 members was present. Bram Kleppner, out-going MEAB co-chair, was recognized and thanked for his years of service. June meeting minutes were approved with two abstentions. It was agreed that future meeting minutes should include a briefer description of proceedings, with no more than one paragraph devoted to each presentation. Links to the AHS presentation materials should be provided when possible. Description of discussions should capture only decision points.

Vermont Health Connect Quarterly Update—Michael Costa

Michael Costa, Deputy Commissioner for DVHA, presented the Vermont Health Connect update on Open Enrollment in absence of Cassandra Madison, Director of HAEEU. The presentation is available online and can be accessed here:

http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/sites/hcexchange/files/Advisory_Board/MEAB%20Update%20-2018OpenEnrollment%20-%20Sept%202017.pdf.

Subjects discussed included:

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- A shorter Open Enrollment period in 2017-18
- The operational schedule for Open Enrollment
- Health plan changes for 2018
- Rx MOOP reenrollment
- Rate and subsidy changes for 2018
- Consumer outreach
- Plan Comparison Tool
- Public webinars

Legislative Proposals—Ashley Berliner

Ashley Berliner, Director of Healthcare Policy, reviewed legislative proposals for the coming 2018 session. The presentation is available online and can be accessed here:

http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/sites/hcexchange/files/Advisory_Board/MEAB%20DVHA%20Legislative%20Proposals%209-25%20%28003%29.pdf. Ashley described a prospective

method of bringing proposals to the legislature through a house-keeping bill, called a Medicaid-Only Policy bill (MOP). This is aimed at increasing efficiencies within DVHA, as well as facilitating understanding of Medicaid proposals within the legislature and the public. Proposals involving substantive changes to Medicaid, as well as any budgetary impacts, would not fall under this house-keeping bill. Items that may be covered by the MOP bill include:

- Accuracy of statutes
- Transparency of Medicaid requirements
- Alignment with federal and state requirements
- Operational and administrative efficiencies

The MEAB would like to offer advice on the technical vs substantive nature of policy proposals as relates to their inclusion in the MOP bill.

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Update—Melissa Bailey

Melissa Bailey, DMH Commissioner, discussed current issues facing the Department of Mental Health. Issues discussed included:

- Act 82 and system of care
- Two public meetings over the summer to hear stakeholder input
- Compilation of plans to incorporate stakeholder insights
- An increase in number and acuity of involuntary patients
- Mental health workforce challenges
- Nationwide increase in mental health acuity
- Payment reform
- \$9.9 million grant for work with community mental health and FQHCs for children and families

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Public Comment

Kristen Murphy (Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council), asked if a future MEAB meeting agenda item could review rule-making within the ACO pilot program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Topics for Regular Update:

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

Future Meeting Topics:

- **OneCare Model of Care**
- **ACO 2018 Planning**
- **MEAB Recruitment Working Group Update**

Next Meeting

October 23, 2017

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Site: DVHA, State Office Complex, Waterbury, VT

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http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/advisory_board/meeting_materials