

**Meeting of the Board of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, Conference Rooms 7A/B
Richmond, Virginia**

**April 10, 2018
Minutes**

Present:

Michael H. Cook, Esq.
Patricia T. Cook, M.D.
Alexis Y. Edwards
Rebecca E. Gwilt, Esq.
Maureen Hollowell
Peter R. Kongstvedt, M.D.
Vice Chair
McKinley L. Price, D.D.S.
Karen S. Rheuban, M.D.
Chair
Kannan Srinivasan

Absent:

Cara L. Coleman, JD, MPH
Vilma T. Seymour

DMAS Staff:

Karen Kimsey, Chief Deputy
Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director for Programs
Abrar Azamuddin, Legal Counsel
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications,
Legislation & Administration
Nancy Malczewski, Public Information Officer, Office of
Communications, Legislation & Administration
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications, Legislation & Administration

Speakers:

Jennifer S. Lee, M.D., Director
Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance
Brian McCormick, Acting Deputy Director for Administration
Tammy Whitlock, Acting Deputy Director for Complex Care &
Services
Mukundan Srinivasan, Information Management Division
Director
Kate Neuhausen, MD, Chief Medical Officer

Guests:

Tyler Cox, MSV
Kenneth McCabe, DPB
Chris Whyte, VECTRE
Jeness Vaccarella, Conduent
W. Scott Johnson, First Choice Consulting
N. Pugar, Williams Mullen
Kassie Schloth, McGuire Woods Consulting
Chris Nolen, McGuire Woods Consulting
Steve Ford, VHCA
Jennifer Wicker, VHHA
Patrick Finnerty, Myers & Stauffer
Don Parr, Deloitte
Paul LaRoche, Deloitte
Robert Bohemn, Hunton & Williams
Molly MacBar, VanGo

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Karen S. Rheuban called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and other members introduced themselves and introductions continued around the room. Dr. Rheuban recognized Dr. Jennifer S. Lee appointed in January to serve as the DMAS Director by Governor Northam. Dr. Lee shared opening remarks and thanked the Board for their dedication and service to the Commonwealth and to the Board.

Dr. Rheuban noted the entrance of Board Member Alexis Edwards and Deputy Director for Programs, Cheryl Roberts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 12, 2017 MEETING

Dr. Rheuban asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the December 12, 2017 meeting. Dr. Kongstvedt made a motion to accept the minutes and Dr. Price seconded. The vote was **8-yes (M. Cook, P. Cook, Gwilt, Hollowell, Kongstvedt, Price, Rheuban, and Srinivasan); and 0-no.**

Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman

Dr. Rheuban turned the meeting over to Dr. Lee for the election process. Dr. Lee noted that the Board bylaws require the election of officers for the Board the first meeting after March 1st of each year and opened the floor to accept nominations for Chair.

Ms. Gwilt made a motion to nominate Dr. Rheuban to continue to serve as Chair and Mr. Cook seconded. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed. The vote to elect Dr. Rheuban as Chair was **8-yes (M. Cook, P. Cook, Gwilt, Hollowell, Kongstvedt, Price, Rheuban, and Srinivasan); and 0-no.**

Dr. Lee opened the floor to accept nominations for Vice Chair. Dr. Rheuban made a motion to nominate Dr. Kongstvedt for Vice Chair. Dr. Price seconded. Hearing no other nomination, the nominations were closed. The vote to elect Dr. Kongstvedt as Vice Chair was **8-yes (M. Cook, P. Cook, Gwilt, Hollowell, Kongstvedt, Price, Rheuban, and Srinivasan); and 0-no.**

Selection of Secretary

Dr. Lee then opened the floor to accept nominations for Board Secretary. Dr. Kongstvedt made a motion to accept Mamie White as Board Secretary and Dr. Rheuban seconded. The vote to elect Ms. White as Board Secretary was **8-yes (M. Cook, P. Cook, Gwilt, Hollowell, Kongstvedt, Price, Rheuban, and Srinivasan); and 0-no.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Lee introduced her Executive Management Team and asked them to share remarks: New Staff: Chief Deputy Karen Kimsey (replacing Linda Nablo) appointed by Governor Northam. Brian McCormick (replacing Suzanne Gore), Acting Deputy Director for Administration and Tammy Whitlock (replacing Karen Kimsey), Acting Deputy Director for Complex Care Services. Current Staff: Dr. Kate Neuhausen, Chief Medical Officer; Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance; and Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director for Operations.

Dr. Lee shared information about her background, her interest in health policy and the life experiences that shaped her commitment to systemic changes that improve access to care for low-income individuals across Virginia. She described her vision for the agency, including the opportunity to provide coverage to an additional 400,000 adults through Medicaid expansion.

Dr. Lee concluded her comments by sharing a slide entitled “Who Qualifies for Virginia Medicaid” to demonstrate the impact and importance of expanded eligibility for individual Virginians and for the Commonwealth’s Medicaid program. Dr. Rheuban offered the support of the Board to assist Dr. Lee and participate in the activities of the agency in achieving these goals. (see attached handout).

2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

Brian McCormick, Acting Deputy Director for Administration, provided highlights of some of the 2018 enrolled bills (Senate Bills 310, 536, 735 and 943) which had an impact on DMAS during the 2018 General Assembly Session (see attached handout).

Ms. Kimsey recognized BMAS Member Maureen Hollowell for her contributions with Senate Bill 310, which directed DMAS to make recommendations regarding changes that provide flexibility to an individual enrolled in a home and community-based waiver to choose their place of residence in the Commonwealth during the Session.

2018 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Scott Crawford, Deputy Director for Finance, provided highlights of some of the budget actions which had an impact on DMAS during the 2018 General Assembly Session. At the current time, there are three budgets: the Governor’s Introduced Budget, a House Budget and a Senate Budget. As the General Assembly did not come to a budget agreement during the regular Session, Mr. Crawford stated the Governor announced a Special Session to convene on April 11, 2018. (see attached handout).

SUMMARY OF HOUSE-PASSED MEDICAID BUDGET LANGUAGE

Dr. Kate Neuhausen, Chief Medical Officer, provided a brief Medicaid Expansion summary of the House's budget language pertaining to Medicaid Expansion. She explained how the provider assessment could fund the state's fiscal obligations, the coupling of potential work requirements for eligibility and the reforms required under the 1115 Waiver. (see attached handout).

CCC PLUS UPDATE

Tammy Whitlock, Acting Deputy Director for Complex Care Services, provided a recap of the Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) Plus program which completed their statewide rollout in January 2018. Ms. Whitlock provided the current enrollment statistics, discussed some of the implementation challenges, and explained their approach to monitoring CCC Plus activities going forward (see attached handout).

MEDICAID ENTERPRISE SYSTEM (MES) UPDATE

Mukundan Srinivasan, Director of Information Management, gave an update on the recently implemented MES program which affects every division in the agency and shared how effective the modular approach has been to moving to this platform. He also highlighted accomplishments, plans and target dates for future projects including a Board software members will be able to access. (see attached handout).

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY TREATMENT SERVICES (ARTS) EVALUATION

Dr. Neuhausen provided an update on progress of the Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services Benefit implemented statewide on April 1, 2017, including improvements in access to and utilization of addiction treatment services during the first nine months of ARTS published in an independent evaluation by VCU (see attached handouts).

Ms. Edwards left the meeting.

REGULATORY ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The Regulatory Activity Summary is included in the Members' books to review at their convenience (see attached).

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Rheuban announced the June meeting will be scheduled for a different date due to scheduling conflicts. Dr. Rheuban asked members to send their suggested agenda items to the Board Secretary and offered the topic of 'Social Determinants' for discussion at the June meeting. .

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m. Dr. Price seconded. The vote was 7-yes (**M. Cook, P. Cook, Hollowell, Kongstvedt, Price, Rheuban, and Srinivasan**); and **0-no.**