



# MEETING MINUTES

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## **CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee Meeting**

January 20, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*A quorum of the CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee attended the meeting virtually through Webex.*

### **The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were present virtually:**

- Sara Cariano, Virginia Poverty Law Center Chair
- Freddy Mejia, The Commonwealth Institute Vice Chair
- Emily Griffey, Voices for Virginia's Children Member at Large
- Emily Roller, Virginia Health Care Foundation Member at Large
- Irma Blackwell, Virginia Department of Social Services Member at Large

### **The following DMAS staff members were present virtually:**

- Hope Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst; Policy, Regulation, and Member Engagement (PRME) Division
- Anna Isler, Policy Analyst and Virginia Management Fellow; PRME

### **Welcome – Sara Cariano, CHIPAC Chair**

Sara Cariano, CHIPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and confirmed a quorum.

## **I. CHIPAC Business**

### **A. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting**

Members reviewed the minutes from the October 14, 2022 Executive Subcommittee meeting. Freddy Mejia motioned to approve the minutes, Emily Roller seconded, and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

## **B. Membership updates**

Hope Richardson, DMAS, announced that no members have terms up for renewal until later in the year. She explained that the Board of Medical Assistance Services (BMAS) will elect a new chairperson at its March meeting, and the BMAS chair is usually nominated to serve as CHIPAC representative during their term. Richardson stated that she would provide an update at the next Executive Subcommittee meeting and recommended that the new BMAS chair be nominated to serve as CHIPAC representative, which would then require a vote by the full CHIPAC, most likely in June.

## **C. Planning discussion – New Member Orientation**

The Executive Subcommittee discussed plans for a new member orientation to be held immediately preceding the next full committee meeting March 2, from 12-1 p.m. The orientation will be open to all members, with new members especially encouraged to attend. The orientation will include information about the history of the committee and past actions and recommendations made by the CHIPAC, member responsibilities, an overview of procedures and bylaws, and a Medicaid/FAMIS children's programs overview presentation. Members of the Executive Subcommittee and DMAS staff will present the information.

## **II. Planning for March 2, 2023 Full Committee Meeting**

Cariano recommended an update on the "unwinding" process and plans for redetermining eligibility of Medicaid members after the end of the federal continuous coverage requirement. Richardson suggested that an overview of additional provisions in the federal 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) related to child and maternal health might also be of interest to the committee. Cariano asked Irma Blackwell if a representative from VDSS would be available to provide an update regarding EBT and SNAP-related provisions and Blackwell stated that she would find out if someone could attend and present.

Richardson and Cariano proposed an update on the General Assembly session as an agenda item. Richardson stated that DMAS staff can present on legislation and budget provisions affecting Medicaid and FAMIS children and pregnant individuals. She asked if Executive Subcommittee members would like to facilitate a discussion around Committee priorities moving forward and looking ahead to the next GA session. Mejia volunteered to help facilitate a discussion on the members' priorities around children's coverage and child and maternal health. The subcommittee decided to add several discussion prompts to the agenda and to be sent in advance of the meeting for members to consider as they prepare.

The subcommittee discussed meeting topics for the rest of 2023. For meeting topics later in the year, members suggested an update on Cardinal Care implementation for the

June meeting, updates on the timeline and status of managed care re-procurement at key intervals, an update on the status of expanded Medicaid reimbursement of school health services, and continuing updates on the unwinding process, including sharing public data on loss of coverage as required by the CAA.

### **III. Public Comment**

Cariano invited public comment, but none was made.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.