

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2020 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location:

Dominion Building, 707 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 2nd Floor Conference Center

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were present:

Denise Daly Konrad
Ashley Everette Airington
Chair of CHIPAC
Member at Large

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members sent a substitute:

 Sherry Sinkler-Crawley sent Jessica Annecchini Member at Large

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were absent:

Michele Chesser
Vice Chair of CHIPAC

The following CHIPAC Full Committee members were present:

• Lisa Specter-Dunaway Families Forward

Victor James
Virginia Chapter, American Academy of

Pediatrics

The following DMAS staff members were present:

- Rebecca Anderson, Manager, Policy Research and Analysis, Policy Planning and Innovation Division
- Hope Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy Planning and Innovation Division
- Dezari Alexander, Administrative Assistant, Policy Planning and Innovation Division

Minutes

Denise Daly Konrad, Chair of CHIPAC, called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

I. CHIPAC Business

- **A.** Review and approval of minutes from previous Executive Subcommittee meeting. Executive Subcommittee members reviewed the minutes from the November 1, 2019 Executive Subcommittee meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.
- **B. Membership Update and Discussion.** Daly Konrad provided an update on Committee and Subcommittee membership. She stated that all statutory agency/organizational membership slots are full, but that there is one at-large vacancy on the full committee at this time. Daly Konrad recommended Freddy Mejia of The Commonwealth Institute as a potential candidate to fill the vacant slot. After discussion and agreement among Subcommittee members, Daly Konrad stated that she would reach out to Mejia and provide the membership questionnaire so that the full Committee can consider his membership at the next meeting. Daly Konrad reminded members that the Committee is also seeking a Membership Chair and the Executive Subcommittee is seeking additional members.

II. DMAS and VDSS Updates

Hope Richardson provided the DMAS update. She stated that this year's legislative session has been a very active one for the Department, with many bills affecting DMAS and an especially large number of proposed budget amendments affecting Virginia Medicaid and FAMIS. DMAS reviewed 150 member budget amendments and are now in the process of reviewing the House and Senate money committee amendments. Richardson summarized some of the budget amendments affecting DMAS. She reminded subcommittee members that the Governor's introduced budget would implement a home visiting benefit for pregnant and postpartum women and establish a workgroup to study adding doula services as a Medicaid benefit, and that those proposals appear to be moving forward with some alterations. Richardson noted that the provision in the Governor's introduced budget extending postpartum coverage for FAMIS MOMS has remained in the budget, as has a provision to fully align substance use disorder benefits under Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) for FAMIS MOMS with those accessed by Medicaid pregnant women. Richardson announced that Dr. Ellen Montz became DMAS' Chief Deputy in January and will also maintain her previous role as the Chief Health Economist and Director of Economic Policy. Richardson also provided the following enrollment update: Expansion enrollment as of the meeting date was 388,615. The February 1 monthly enrollment total for FAMIS was 74,943; M-CHIP was 75,211; and FAMIS MOMS was 1,687. Richardson noted that DMAS is continuing to see significant enrollment growth in the Title XXI-funded programs. Children's Medicaid enrollment was 521,131, which was also significantly higher than a year ago.

Jessica Annecchini provided a VDSS update. She explained that rules have been fixed for the February release at the end of the month making sure that everyone is in the correct covered group for expansion, SSI, foster care, etc. The systems change made

in September has moved approximately 5,500 postpartum women eligible for expansion coverage into the expansion group. VDSS is getting into the bulk of the renewals from initial Medicaid expansion enrollment and is continuing to monitor those numbers. Annecchini explained that DMAS worked with a consultant to improve member and applicant correspondence to make it more conversational in tone and provide more useful information. Notices of obligation, renewal forms, and other documents will be updated.

III. Agenda items for the March 19, 2020 Full Committee Meeting

The Subcommittee discussed the agenda for the upcoming Full Committee meeting. This meeting will be focused on strategic planning and priority-setting for 2020 and beyond. Members will discuss responses to a priority-setting survey and will work on drafting the Committee's policy agenda for the year. The Subcommittee agreed on the following draft agenda for the March 19 Full Committee Meeting:

- 1) VDSS Update, DMAS Update, and Dashboard Review
- 2) General Assembly Session Discussion
- **3)** CHIPAC Business
 - a. Review/approval of minutes from prior meeting
 - **b.** Membership update
- **4)** CHIPAC Priority Setting and Strategic Planning Session (2.5 hrs out of total 3.5 hrs meeting time)
 - **a.** Share survey responses
 - **b.** Small group activity
 - **c.** Discussion prioritization of CHIPAC activities/plans for 2020
 - **d.** Next steps
- 5) Agenda for next CHIPAC Meeting
- **6)** Public Comment

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 PM.