

CHIPAC

Children's Health
Insurance Program
Advisory Committee
of Virginia



MEETING MINUTES

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CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee Meeting

January 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A quorum of the CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee attended this all-virtual meeting. A meeting link was posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website to allow the public to attend virtually.

The following CHIPAC Executive Subcommittee members were present virtually:

- Freddy Mejia, The Commonwealth Institute Chair
- Emily Roller, Virginia Health Care Foundation Vice-Chair
- Irma Blackwell, Virginia Department of Social Services Member at Large
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The following CHIPAC full committee members attended virtually:

- Emily Moore, Voices for Virginia's Children

The following DMAS staff were present virtually:

- Hope Richardson, Senior Policy Analyst; Policy Division
- Emily McClellan, Policy Division Director

Welcome – Freddy Mejia, CHIPAC Chair

Freddy Mejia, CHIPAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

I. CHIPAC Business

A. Announcements; review and approval of minutes from previous meeting

Hope Richardson, DMAS staff, announced her promotion, and that she will be handing the CHIPAC coordination tasks over to Emily McClellan until an individual can be recruited to fill her old position.

Members reviewed the minutes from the October 13 Executive Subcommittee meeting. Emily Roller moved to approve the minutes and the Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

B. Membership updates

Richardson explained that two CHIPAC members have reached their maximum number of consecutive terms (per the committee bylaws) and one member will reach that limit after the next full committee meeting. She stated that DMAS staff and committee leadership are reaching out to these members to inform them and to seek their recommendations of other representatives from their organization who may wish to serve on the committee. Individuals who express an interest in joining will submit the new member questionnaire and a bio for committee consideration and a membership vote at the March meeting.

Members whose terms have ended are welcome to attend as substitutes for others who work in their organization or as members of the public.

As of January 2024, CHIPAC has 15 members. CHIPAC can have up to 20 members and the Executive Subcommittee may wish to nominate others to participate. At the next CHIPAC meeting in March, members will be invited to contact Roller and Mejia if they have suggestions of other individuals who they believe should be considered for membership on the Committee.

Mejia indicated that perhaps a group CHIPAC onboarding and orientation could occur during the summer.

II. Planning for the March 7, 2024 Full Committee Meeting

Mejia reminded subcommittee members that the upcoming full committee meeting on March 7, 2023 will be an in-person meeting. The subcommittee discussed agenda topics for the full committee meeting.

Richardson mentioned that due to the date of the next meeting, the General Assembly session may be a good topic of discussion. Sometimes the DMAS legislative affairs team and budget team comes to give an update on the process. Another option is to have CHIPAC members bring bills and budget amendments that they would like to discuss.

Members felt that it would be helpful to have DMAS staff present slides on bills that affect the Committee, including any that didn't make it through crossover but are important to know about.

For budget items that affect the Committee, Mejia suggested that DMAS share a list of budget items of interest to CHIPAC, including any items related to Medicaid and FAMIS policies and programs for children and pregnant individuals. CHIPAC members can highlight items that they wish to discuss, and DMAS will ask the Budget Division Director to attend to answer questions and discuss.

Another agenda item would be the Return to Normal Enrollment. Members would like to know if there is any data on where people landed after unwinding, or if there is any early data around continuous eligibility. Richardson invited subcommittee members to reach out to Emily McClellan with notes on any specific questions or topics of interest related to unwinding so that DMAS staff can be prepared to address these topics in their presentation.

Richardson suggested an update on Virginia Mental Health Access Project (VMAP); a short (5 minute) update from DBHDS. The Subcommittee would like to have a larger mental health conversation at future meetings and perhaps a placeholder for this topic twice a year.

If VMAP isn't able to present, the Maternal and Child Health Unit at DMAS may be able to present on some of their recent projects.

Members would also like to have a short update (no slides) on the bills related to Legally Responsible Individuals.

Members may wish to consider committee recommendations related to eligibility policy for children and pregnant members at the summer meeting. Roller suggested that the Committee might reference slides from a recent presentation by the Georgetown Center for Children and Families as a starting point for the discussion.

General Discussion:

McClellan asked about the topics that the Executive Subcommittee normally handles, in addition to membership and agenda development for the full committee. Mejia responded that the Executive Subcommittee has provided recommendations to DMAS around policies that they would like to see implemented. The Executive Subcommittee acts as a steering committee that generates ideas and focuses on special topics.

III. Public Comment

Mejia invited public comment, but none was made.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.