

Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

October 21, 2013

MINUTES

Time: Start-1:00pm End-3:50pm Location: HSD/Plaza San Miguel, Santa Fe

Chair:

Larry Martinez, Presbyterian Medical Services
Desbah Farden, Committee Support Person

Recorder:

Committee Members:

Roselyn Begay, Navajo Nation Division of Health
Mary Eden, Presbyterian Healthcare Services
Joie Glenn, NM Association for Home and Hospice Care
Ruth Hoffman, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry NM
Nancy Koenigsberg, Disability Rights NM
Larry Lubar, NM Dental Association
Carol Luna-Anderson, The Life Link
Carolyn Montoya, UNM College of Nursing

David Roddy, NM Primary Care Association
Marilyn Rohn, Behavioral Health Consumer Affairs
Linda Sechovec, NM Health Care Association
Laurence Shandler, Pediatrician
Dale Tinker, NM Pharmacists Association
Eugene Varela, AARP NM
Retta Ward, NM Department of Health

Absent Members:

Michael Batte, Public Member
Jeff Dye, NM Hospital Association
Michael Hely, NM Legislative Council Service

Steve McKernan, UNM Hospital
Gino Rinaldi, NM Aging & Long Term Services Department
Daphne Rood-Hopkins, Children, Youth, and Families Department

Staff & Visitors Attending:

Julie Weinberg, HSD/MAD Director
Kari Armijo, HSD/MAD
Sharon Huerta, BCBSNM
Teresa Karnes, Xerox
John Johnson, PHP Presbyterian
Fran Meadows, UNM Health System
Charlotte Roybal, Policy Connections
Beth Landon, NMHA
Susy K. Ashcroft, Sub-committee (BHP)
Bruce Evans, LC-BHPC Medicaid Sub-Comm.
Kevin Kandalraft, United Healthcare
Joe Martinez, Health Action NM

Brent Earnest, HSD Deputy Secretary
Karla Gonzales, HSD/MAD
Erik Lujan, NMICOA
Rodney McNease, UNM
Kelli Stirother, Otsuka
Mary Kay Pera, NIMASBHC
Matt Munson, Pharmacy Intern-UNM/COP
D. Mason, NMCLP
Janis Gonzales, FHB/DOH
Carol Watts, CDPC
Sarah Grace, New Vistas

Ellen Costilla, HSD/MAD
Mark Pitcock, HSD/MAD
Doris Husted, the Arc of NM
Edna Ortiz, CYFD
Robyn Nardone, HSD/MAD
Deborah Walker, NM Nurses Association
Krista Anaya, Pharmacy Intern-UNM/COP
Bob Horowitz, First Choice
Margaret White, Health Insight NM
Rachel Wright, HSD/MAD
Guy Surdi, GSD

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Introductions	All meeting participants introduced themselves.	None	MAC Chairperson	Completed
II. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was modified at the beginning of the meeting in order to hear the Director's Report earlier.	None	MAC Chairperson	Completed
III. Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the July 15, 2013 MAC meeting were approved.	None	Desbah Farden, Committee Support Person	Completed
IV. Medicaid Budget Projections	Julie Weinberg reported the FY15 projections were not included. Julie Weinberg reported on the budget projections for FY12, FY13, and FY14. Julie Weinberg provided information on federal match received and discussed with the committee a decrease in drug rebates, a revenue source. Julie Weinberg explained the enrollment projections now include new columns for Medicaid expansion. The members expressed concerns about those enrolled in the SCI program and how they would be affected by their program ending. Other issues were discussed such as federal exchange referrals, process of orange envelopes, and multiple deadlines.	The committee has asked the Division for a breakdown of the managed care expense report.	Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
V. Director's Report	Julie Weinberg provided a brief status on the BH transition. Julie Weinberg and Brent Earnest provided information to respond to several questions presented by the committee such as the funds involved and monitoring compliance. Julie reported all of the agencies have been transitioned and most providers have been helpful during the transition period. Julie Weinberg provided information on the Quality Plan for the 1115 Waiver. Julie Weinberg explained the Centennial Care Waiver goes into effect January 1, 2014. Julie further explained the next steps of hiring a contractor to provide an evaluation plan, and to begin an independent consumer support system (ICSS). Julie Weinberg encouraged more public input by attending public hearings.	None	Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed

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VI. ACA Activity Update	Kari Armijo provided an update on the Affordable Care Act. Kari reported that the streamlined application went into effect on October 1, 2013 and since then people have been able to apply for Medicaid Expansion coverage and the tracking of applications is easier. Kari also responded to questions from the committee to clarify income eligibility questions and to announce that presumptive eligibility training on the new rules was completed. Kari Armijo also provided a handout that summarized what benefits will be covered in the Alternative Benefit Plan under Centennial Care.	None	Kari Armijo, Health Care Reform Manager, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
VII. Enrollment Process Update	Mark Pitcock explained the enrollment process and the ways that a person could select a managed care organization: By web portal, interactive voice response (IVR) system, returning a form that was mailed in an orange envelope, or by calling the Medicaid call center. Mark Pitcock also provided information on enrollment numbers and reported an average of 1700 enrollments per day; 65 % through the IVR, 18 % through the web portal, and %17 chose to mail the form or call the call center. Mark has also addressed questions from the committee members regarding special issues that could arise during the MCO selection process.	None	Mark Pitcock, Deputy Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
VIII. ASPEN	Mark Pitcock explained that ASPEN is the new eligibility system for all of the Human Services programs that is being implemented by county in phases and soon to be implemented statewide. Mark also reported that the legislative finance committee has considered this project a model for other state agencies to follow for other major project implementations. Mark Pitcock also reported that approximately 34% of the entire state caseload files have been loaded into ASPEN.	None	Mark Pitcock, Deputy Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
IX. Public Comment	Doris Husted-Presented concerns that some people did not receive orange envelopes, suggested DD person is selected for ICSS stakeholder group, and concerned that certain medical foods not covered. Carol Watts-Concerned addresses might be incorrect for persons who have not received orange envelopes. Guy Surdi-Had questions about the ICSS and if it was open to the public. Also shared the experience he had with Yes NM. Bruce Evans-Presented concerns that persons were not receiving orange envelopes, concerned about co-pays, shared comments that there needs to be more inclusiveness with the stakeholder process.	None	HSD Management	Completed

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X. Adjournment	<p><u>Joe Martinez</u>-Thank you for keeping dental services and thank you for rolling out ASPEN. Also presented a suggestion to train more eligibility workers to help enroll and motivate persons.</p> <p><u>Dorian Mason</u>-First presented a concern that notices serve as barriers then suggested that combining notices reduces confusion. Presented more concerns that outreach in hard to reach rural areas is difficult, then suggested doing enrollments on site at outreach & education events.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:50p.m.</p>	None	MAC Chairperson	Completed

Respectfully submitted: Desbah Farden
 Medicaid Advisory Committee Support Person
 Recorder

1/28/14
 Date