

Medicaid Advisory Committee-MAC meeting
Friday, March 4, 2016
MINUTES

Time: Start-1:30pm End-3:30pm Location: Room 2027, Garrey Carruthers State Library, Santa Fe

Chair: Larry A. Martinez, Presbyterian Medical Services
Recorder: Desbah Farden, Committee Support Person

Committee Members:

Johnny Abeyta Sr., Ohkay Owingeh	Larry Lubar, NM Dental Association
Michael Batte, Public Member	Carol Luna-Anderson, the Life Link/Behavioral Health Planning Council
Myles Copeland, NM Aging and Long Term Services Department	Steve McKernan, UNM Hospital
Jeff Dye, NM Hospital Association	Carolyn Montoya, UNM College of Nursing
Mary Eden, Presbyterian Healthcare Services	Daphne Rood-Hopkins, Children, Youth, and Families Department
Joie Glenn, NM Association of Home and Hospice Care	Linda Sechovec, NM Health Care Association
Michael Hely, NM Legislative Council Service	Dale Tinker, NM Pharmacists Association
Ruth Hoffman, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry	Gene Varela, AARP NM

Absent Members:

Ramona Dillard, Pueblo of Laguna	David Roddy, NM Primary Care Association
Nancy Koenigsberg, Disability Rights NM	Laurence Shandler, Pediatrician
Marc Kolman, NM Department of Health	

Staff & Visitors Attending:

Nancy Smith-Leslie, HSD/MAD Director	Brent Earnest, HSD Secretary	Mike Nelson, HSD Deputy Secretary
Angela Medrano, HSD/MAD	Kari Armijo, HSD/MAD	Wayne Lindstrom, HSD/BHSD
Karen Meador, HSD/BHSD	Kelly Zunie, IAD Secretary	Kyra Ochoa, SF County Community Services
Lawrence Leyba, Physician	Len Trainor, Heritage Home Healthcare	Elisa Jawhar, Molina Healthcare
Morgan Lee, Associated Press	Anna Otero Hatanaka, ADDCP	Lisa Rossignol, Parents Reaching Out
Margie Zamora, NA	Margy Weinbar, Health Insight	Rodney McNease, UNM Hospitals
Nancy Resnick, DO, NM Osteopathic Assoc	Jody Harris, UNM Hospital	Jeanene Kerestes, BCBSNM
Perry Stein, UHC-NM	Joseph Gallegos, CYFD Communities of Care	Jenny Felmley, LFC
Scott Allocco, Tricare, Magellan	Karen Wiley, NMDVR	Ryan Short, APS
John Johnson, Presbyterian	Chuck Milligan, UHC	Tina Rigler, Molina Healthcare
Bill Jordan, NM Voices for Children	Robyn Nardone, HSD/NMICSS	Bobbi Shearer, Kimble & Associates
Nick Estes	Patsy Romero, ESELM/NAMI	Kimberly Polanco, NMDOH/OFM
MaryLou Shaw, NAMI-SF	Dan Boyd, Albuquerque Journal	Kim Gabaldon, Los Alamos County
J.D. Bullington, CHS	Siri G. Khalsa., NMNA	Gil Yildiz, ILRC
Christine Boerner, LFC	Liz Stefanics, SF County	Patty Keyhoe, Molina
Edna Ortiz, CYFD	Jeff Tinstman, CYFD	Nancy Rodriguez, NMASBHC
Cecilia Flores, UNM Medical Group	Sylvia Barela, Santa Fe Recovery Center	Tiffany Wynn, Santa Fe Mountain Center
Marla Shoats, BCBSNM	Tom Starko	Leslie Dye, IHS Santa Fe Service Unit
Jennifer WeissDuke, Serenity Mesa	David Burke, Serenity Mesa	Louella Arellano, LOPD
Barbara Webber, HANM	Joe Martinez, HANM	Susan Loubet, NMWA
Richard Blair, DFA	Marisa Demaro, KUNM Radio	Andrea S. LC16
Sally Sabo, LWV	Lauren Reichelt, Rio Arriba County	K. Dempsey, Navajo Area IHS
Sandra Adondakis, ACS CAN American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network		

Lacey, Daniell, ACS CAN American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
 Abuko D. Estrada, NM Center on Law and Poverty
 Ralph McClish, NM Osteopathic Medical Association
 Jim Jackson for Nancy Koenigsberg, Disability Rights NM
 Cathy Stevenson for Marc Kolman, NM Department of Health
 Eileen Goode for David Roddy, NM Primary Care Association
 Jim Copeland, Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers
 Karen Cathey, International District Healthy Communities Coalition

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I. Introductions	<p>Before introductions and announcements were made, a moment of silence was held in memory of Retta Ward, Cabinet Secretary of Department of Health.</p> <p>Larry Martinez announced this was not the first time the committee was faced with budget shortfall conversations. Larry Martinez reminded the committee the purpose was to carefully discuss procedure and approach that would be used to guide everyone through the process.</p>	None	Larry Martinez, MAC Chair	Completed
II. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved with no changes.	None	Larry Martinez, MAC Chair	Completed
III. Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the last two meetings held November 23, 2015 and February 1, 2016 were approved with no changes.	None	Desbah Farden, Committee Support Person	Completed
IV. Medicaid Budget FY16 and FY17	<p>Nancy Smith-Leslie and Brent Earnest provided information to the committee and interested parties about the Medicaid budget shortfall. There is an \$85 million dollar shortfall for FY17 and the Department received an appropriation that was less than requested. Secretary Earnest stated the Department faces a significant budgetary challenge today and going forward. He referenced the handout that contained the language from House Bill 2.</p> <p>Secretary Earnest announced that a special page on the HSD website was created so that the public could provide comments and suggestions to help the Department finalize decisions for cost containment. The website location is part of the HSD website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/medicaid-public-comment.aspx</p>	<p>A special page on the HSD website was created so that the public could provide comments and suggestions to help the Department finalize decisions for changes: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/medicaid-public-com-</p>	Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed

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	<p>Members from the committee provided responses to the budget situation and their comments included: Are IGTs an acceptable path for the administration, a more broad approach then subcommittees should be considered, concern whether website comments would be monitored sufficiently, concern that purpose of waiver being a demonstration with innovations and whether program changes will impact performance measures as it relates to demonstration; and encourage ways to raise revenue instead of rate reductions or benefit changes.</p> <p>Following the committee discussion the committee chairperson announced subcommittees would be formed immediately to approach work with respect to advice to HSD about cost containment measures.</p>	ment.aspx		
<p>V. Subcommittee Purpose and Membership</p>	<p>Three Sub-committees of the Medicaid Advisory Committee were formally announced and corresponding sign-up sheets were circulated for committee members to address Medicaid Cost Containment by topic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provider Payments 2. Benefit Package and Eligibility Verification 3. Long Term Strategies <p>The committee discussed the different strategies each work group may consider, appointment letters will be sent specifying purpose and date when recommendations are due, each group would be selected by size to provide a more general consensus (approximately 8-10 members), and HSD will provide staffing and requested data.</p> <p>At the end of the meeting, approximately 8 members were listed on each of the 3 sign-up sheets.</p> <p>The committee members commented on the proposed work groups: Please address the issue of duplication of effort, confusion if regular meetings would occur in conjunction with subcommittee meetings, and concern if subject to open meetings rules.</p>	Sign-up sheets were provided to committee members to serve on subcommittees, by topic.	Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p>The public comments began at 2:45pm. The following persons signed up at the beginning of the meeting to provide public comments:</p> <p>Anna Otero Hatanaka, Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers-Urged the Department not to cut any rates for developmental disability providers or disability services.</p> <p>Nancy Resnick, NM Osteopathic Medical Society-Presented a concern that reimbursements are being cut and commented that providers</p>	None	HSD Leadership	Completed

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	<p>experience extreme time constraints resulting in no resolution at urgent care and more time is needed to address complex health issues at regular office visits.</p> <p>Karen Cathey, International District Healthy Communities Coalition Has a son with SMI--presented a written statement that she explained was titled: "Reduction of hospital rates is one example of how budget burden will shift to uninsured patients and insured consumer rates will impact services, medical debt, and potentially shift costs to Medicaid patients."</p> <p>Bill Jordan, NM Voices for Children-Appreciates openness of meetings. Commented that there are many options for revenue that need to be addressed such as raise tobacco taxes and hold serious discussions on provider fees. Look at ways that providers could contribute.</p> <p>Abuko Estrada, NM Center on Law and Poverty-Commented that studies have been done that healthcare is a growing sector for jobs and the state needs to attract new providers. Proposed cuts in HB2 are not fiscally responsible.</p> <p>Patsy Romero, -Commented that no discussion is held for an attempt to look at minimizing administrative operations. Further commented the state needs to study centennial care carefully, should have studied healthcare system in NM.</p> <p>Kyra Ochoa and Kim Gabaldon, Los Alamos County-Commented the proposed changes will affect counties and recommended partnerships with counties which are already doing care coordination.</p> <p>Joe Martinez, Health Action NM-Commented it was great leadership when the decision was made to expand Medicaid when other states did not do that. Further commented that there should be more decisions made to generate revenue.</p> <p>Laurence Leyba, Primary care physician and Anesthesiologist-Commented that physicians will refuse to see patients or leave the state if there are poor reimbursements for primary care providers.</p> <p>J.D. Bullington, Government Relations Consultant Community Health Systems-Commented that he is in support of revenue enhancement in the form of provider assessments.</p> <p>Nancy Rodriguez, NM Alliance for School-Based Health Care-Encouraged MAC subcommittees to consider a potential compounding negative effect on safety net clinics which School Based Health Centers often are, when considering any changes, as young people will be affected by potential changes.</p> <p>Barbara Webber, Health Action NM-Commented that through wood-work effect, families are getting Medicaid coverage. Also, urged the Department to look at revenue, administrative costs, engage stakeholders, and look at social impact.</p> <p>Lisa Rossignol, Parents Reaching Out-Commented that Medicaid</p>			

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	<p>Expansion is helping families obtain EPSDT services, autism services and services for children with special health care needs-seeing a positive impact.</p> <p>Nick Estes, No organization listed-Commented that federal law does allow provider fees and could be designed in a way that money comes back to providers and money could be used to match and increase revenues.</p> <p>Lauren Reichelt, Rio Arriba County-Commented she appreciates Secretary Earnest's leadership and can see positive innovations such as enrolling people while in jail. Stressed Health and Human Services jobs have become an important part of the employment in Rio Arriba county. Medicaid expansion has helped bring jobs back into Rio Arriba county and wants to echo the other comments about revenue increase not provider cuts.</p> <p>Ellen Pinnes, Expressed appreciation to the Department. Has experienced cost containment several times and appreciates the Department's engagement with stakeholders and praise for the Governor who is committed to Medicaid expansion. Concerned about tax policy we need to look at raising revenue and not just cutting back. When provider rates are cut that's a tax on providers when cost sharing is imposed that is a tax on a recipient. Urge the Governor to increase revenue.</p>			
VII. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 3:27pm	None	MAC Chairperson	Completed

Respectfully submitted:

Desbah Farden
 Medicaid Advisory Committee Support Person
 Revised by Maria Roybal-Varela

May 3, 2016
 May 24, 2016

 Recorder

 Date