

Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)
January 29, 2014
MINUTES

Time: Start-1:05pm End-4:05pm Location: Garrey Carruthers State Library, Santa Fe

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

Committee Members:

Michael Batte, Public Member	Carolyn Montoya, UNM College of Nursing
Roselyn Begay, Navajo Nation Division of Health	Gino Rinaldi, NM Aging & Long Term Services Department
Joie Glenn, NM Association for Home and Hospice Care	Linda Sechovec, NM Health Care Association
Ruth Hoffman, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry NM	Laurence Shandler, Pediatrician
Nancy Koenigsberg, Disability Rights NM	Dale Tinker, NM Pharmacists Association
Larry Lubar, NM Dental Association	Gene Varela, AARP NM
Carol Luna-Anderson, The Life Link/BHPC	

Absent Members:

Jeff Dye, NM Hospital Association	Marilyn Rohn, Behavioral Health Consumer Affairs
Mary Eden, Presbyterian Healthcare Services	Daphne Rood-Hopkins, Children, Youth, and Families Department
Michael Hely, NM Legislative Council Service	Retta Ward, NM Department of Health
David Roddy, NM Primary Care Association	

Staff & Visitors Attending:

Julie Weinberg, HSD/MAD Director	Brent Earnest, HSD Deputy Secretary	Mark Pitcock, HSD/MAD
Kari Armijo, HSD/MAD	Theresa Belanger, HSD/MAD	Kevin Kandalaft, UHC
Guy Surdi, GCD	LeeAnna Vargas, UNM	Margaret White, Health Insight New Mexico
Dorianne Mason, NMCLP	Karen Wells, NMAHC	Kelli Strother, Otsuka
Ruth Williams, YDI Elev8 NM	Pamela Stanley, UNM	Katy Groth, DVR
Nancy Rodriguez, NMASBHC	Yvonne Gurule, Bernalillo Academy	Maria Zamora Hughes, InnovAge Greater NM PACE
Barbara Webber, HANM	Amy C Dixon, Desert States PT Network	Janis Gonzales, DOH/PHD/FHB
Sharon Huerta, BCBSNM	Eileen Goode, NMPCA	Mary Kay Pera, NMASBHC
Liz Lacouture, PHS	Jody Harris, UNM Hospital	Anne Foster, HSD/MAD
Lynn Gallagher, DOH	Dan Clavio, HSD/MAD	Joe Martinez, Health Action NM
Brian Fletcher, Footprints Home Care	Liz Sands, For Your Care In-Home Care	Jim Jackson, Disability Rights NM
Bruce Evans, Local Collaborative #1	Joe Tschanz, NMALTS	Robyn Nardone, HSD/MAD
Stan Pozerneck, Home Care Options	Paige Duhamil-SW Women's Law Center	Karla Gonzales, HSD/MAD

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Introductions	Meeting called to order then introductions of all persons present at the beginning of the meeting were made. Chairperson Larry Martinez reminded the committee this is the meeting held during legislative session to address issues related to the Medicaid budget.	None	MAC Chairperson	Completed
II. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was presented to the committee and the committee approved the agenda as written.	None	MAC Chairperson	Completed
III. Approval of Minutes	The October 21, 2013 minutes were approved by the committee.	None	Desbah Farden, Committee Support Person	Completed
IV. Director's Report	<p>Julie Weinberg announced Matt Onstott was hired as the third deputy director at MAD. Matt has returned after some world travel.</p> <p>Julie Weinberg provided a report on the development of the ICSS-Independent Consumer Support System. Julie described this was part of the Centennial Care waiver to help disabled individuals and elderly individuals negotiate the system to find services, develop plans of care independently and build on what the ADRC already does. Julie also reported an advisory committee is being developed to bring multiple entities together to gather hard to find resources to inform persons about the community benefit through centennial care.</p> <p>Julie also reported the Division is preparing to release RFPs for external quality and review organization, one for actuarial services, and one for third party assessor.</p> <p>Brent Earnest responded to the Chairperson's request for information on the behavioral health contract. Brent provided brief information that the behavioral health contractor was currently running non-Medicaid behavioral health services until the end of this calendar year and the department plans to issue an RFI and encouraged the committee to review the RFI and provide comments.</p>	None	Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed

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V. Centennial Care Implementation	<p>Julie Weinberg reported on the events during the early stages of Centennial Care implementation. Julie Weinberg reported on the centennial care command center that was put in place to identify issues, track issues, and resolve issues from the provider and recipient communities. Julie Weinberg also reported on daily transition meetings, and tracking statistics for daily oversight of the program.</p> <p>Julie discussed concerns from the committee regarding provider participation, network adequacy reviews, fee for service pricing, tribal concerns about auto enrollment, redesigned website difficulty, and Medicaid appeals processes. Several members from the committee recommended more provider involvement to address concerns.</p>	None	Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
VI. Medicaid Expansion Update	<p>Kari Armijo reported she manages health care reform for Centennial Care implementation. Kari Armijo provided information on the transition of SCI enrollees to new eligibility categories and the transitions of other s previously enrolled in high risk pool, plus other uninsured groups to affect enrollment numbers. Kari also reported the family planning program continues through 2014. Kari also explained the experience during a time of increase of activities such as receiving many applications, call center activity increase, account transfers, and eligibility processing increase.</p> <p>Kari Armijo also reported on the Alternative Benefit Plan and provided a handout that includes a comparison chart to compare the alternative benefit package to the standard Medicaid benefit plan and includes cost sharing information.</p>	Alternative Benefit Plan information will be posted on the HSD website.	Kari Armijo, Health Care Reform Manager, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
VII. Medicaid Budget Projections	<p>Brent Earnest provided the report for FY13, FY14, and FY15. In the discussion Brent provided information to explain the department is working with counties and hospitals to find solutions on how to finance payments to hospitals under the safe net care pool hospitals who are the former sole community provider hospitals.</p> <p>Brent Earnest also provided a status on the FY15 projections before the legislature session begins and reported on a general fund recommendation of approximately \$901 million.</p>	A subcommittee of the MAC is being considered to address and possibly change the way the budget format is presented.	Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed

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VIII. ASPEN	<p>Mark Pitcock reported on the culmination of a major and extended project-ASPEN. Mark Pitcock complimented the efforts of staff statewide that put in countless hours of work. Mark also noted that the implementation of ASPEN was a prerequisite for Centennial Care, Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid expansion.</p> <p>Mark Pitcock provided a handout and explained new categories of eligibility and how they relate to existing categories. Mark also explained how the new MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income) categories will affect eligibility and over time the legacy categories will be replaced.</p>	None	Mark Pitcock, Deputy Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
IX. Public Comment	<p><u>Nancy Rodriguez</u>-Expressed a critical need for more PEMOSAA (presumptive eligibility) training and further advance notice of these trainings.</p> <p><u>Nancy Koenigsberg on behalf of Jim Jackson</u>-Requested the number of individuals receiving HSD funded behavioral health services. Julie Weinberg stated information would be sent.</p> <p><u>Bruce Evans</u>-Concerned on the shortage of medical care providers and presented the question: "How do we retain and recruit fully qualified medical professionals in the state?"</p> <p><u>Carolyn Montoya</u>-Responded to Bruce Evans concern and stated that Governor Martinez supports nurse practitioner education and has set aside money for these purposes.</p> <p><u>Dorianne Mason</u>-Presented concerns that people being transitioned through categories of eligibility are experiencing confusion. Also recommended simpler language for notices from the department.</p> <p><u>Paige Duhamil</u>-Paige stated her concerns were similar to Dorianne Mason-Notices need to be in simpler language and ISD workers need training immediately on enrollment.</p> <p><u>Ruth Williams</u>-Concerned that a slow growth in Medicaid enrollment is not good.</p>	None	HSD Management	Completed

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X. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.	None	MAC Chairperson	Completed

Respectfully submitted:

Desbah Farden
 Medicaid Advisory Committee Support Person

6/13/14

 Recorder

 Date