

Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

June 16, 2014

MINUTES

Time: Start-1:00pm End-4:43pm Location: Apodaca Hall, old PERA building, Santa Fe

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

Committee Members:

Michael Batte, Public Member	Daphne Rood-Hopkins, NM Children, Youth, & Families Department
Jeff Dye, NM Hospital Association	Linda Sechovec, NM Health Care Association
Mary Eden, Presbyterian Healthcare Services	Laurence Shandler, Pediatrician
Joie Glenn, NM Association for Home & Hospice Care	Dale Tinker, NM Pharmacists Association
Michael Hely, NM Legislative Council Service	Eugene Varela, AARP NM
Carol Luna-Anderson, the Life Link	Jennifer Thorne-Lehman, NM Department of Health
Steve McKernan, UNM Hospital	

Absent Members:

Roselyn Begay, Navajo Nation Division of Health	Carolyn Montoya, UNM College of Nursing
Ruth Hoffman, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry NM	Gino Rinaldi, NM Aging, & Long Term Services Department
Nancy Koenigsberg, Disability Rights NM	David Roddy, NM Primary Care Association
Larry Lubar, NM Dental 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
Deidra Abbot, Mercer Consulting	Siri G. Khalsa, ARC NM Board Member	Robyn Viera, HSD/MAD
Robin Cook, NM Dept. of Health	Lisa Mares, Pueblo of Jemez	Deedee Stroud, All Faith, ABQ
Dianne Rivera, NM DDPCC	Jennifer Day, Self-Directed Choices	Joe Martinez, Health Action NM
Maria Clark, Pueblo of Jemez	Carol Bickelman, Desert Hills	Debbie Armstrong, NMMIP
Rebecca Leibowitz, Planned Parenthood/Rocky Mtns	Stephanie Biersws, Brain Injury Advisory C	Edward F. Keller, Client NM
Susannah Burke, PB&J	Teresa Karnes, Xerox	Patrick Harvey, Walgreen's
Wayne Lundstrom, HSD/BHSD	Georgia Montgomery, Davis PCS, LLC	Gerald Davis, Davis PCS, LLC
Wendy Corry, DOH/DDSD	Ellen Costilla, HSD/MAD	Dave Webster, SMHC
Paula LeSueur, NMASBHC	Alex Rios, NMASBHC	Mary Medina, Care Center Farmington
Michael Parks, Mandy Pino Center	Abuko Estrada, NMCLP	Evelyn Blanchard, NMCLP
Debbie Maestas-Traynor, Maestas Consulting	Veronica Esparza, United Health Care	John Johnson, Presbyterian Health Plan
Sharon Huerta, Blue Cross Blue Shield	Liz Lacouture, Presbyterian Health Plan	David Ley, NM Solutions
Jim Jackson, Disability Rights NM	Jonni Pool, HSD	Nancy Rodriguez, NM Alliance for School Based Health
Maria Zamora-Hughes, InnovAge	Alicia Rios, ILRC	Rita Martinez, ILRC

Beverly Naumberg, La Familia-Namaste
 Hannah Leigh Bull, Synergy Family Practice
 David Block, Youth Shelters & Family Services
 Barbara Zamora, UNMMG
 Guy Surdi, GCD
 Fernando Colin, Celgene
 Mayline Jaramillo, Parents Reaching Out
 Christine Boerner, LFC
 Joan Curtiss, Parent & DRNM Advocate

Amy C, DSPTN
 Melinda Chavia, Self-Directed Choices
 Karen Wells, NMAHHC
 Angela Martinez, HSD/MAD
 Steve Snarr, Sunovion, Inc.
 Ann Bradford, Advocate
 Jesse Davila, First Nations Community Health Source
 L. Graham
 Karla Gonzales, HSD/MAD

Staci Pozernick, Home Care Options Gallup
 Rachel Wright, HSD/MAD
 Doris Husted, The Arc of NM
 Tina Rigler, Molina Health Care
 Andrew Thompson, Celgene
 Ellen Pinnes, The Disability Coalition
 Dr. Michael Pridham, NM Chiropractic Association

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	FOLLOW-UP ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	EXPECTED OR REQUIRED COMPLETION DATE
I. Introductions	Everyone who attended introduced themselves and what organization they represent.	None	Larry Martinez, MAC Chair	Completed
II. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved at written.	None	Larry Martinez, MAC Chair	Completed
III. Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the last meeting held January 29, 2014 were approved with no changes.	None	Desbah Farden, Committee Support Person	Completed
IV. Director's Report	<p>Julie Weinberg reported 134,000 new expansion eligible persons were enrolled in the program. Julie also presented templates that were developed by the Division for eligibility reporting. Julie recommended feedback from the committee to be useful for the public.</p> <p>Julie Weinberg and Brent Earnest discussed the account transfers (flat files) from the Health Care Exchange that are being processed like applications.</p>	Julie Weinberg recommended that the committee provide feedback on the reporting templates.	Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed
V. Medicaid Budget Projections	<p>Julie Weinberg and Brent Earnest provided the report and responded to questions from the committee. Brent Earnest explained the reason for a lower operating budget is due to enrollment growth beginning to level off.</p> <p>For FY14, Julie Weinberg explained some SCI expenditures still exist, ACA primary care rate increase is completed, and Julie explained that the woodwork and welcome mat effects are evident. Brent Earnest pointed out that there are a lot of new adults being found eligible such as parent caretakers. Additionally, a surplus for FY14 was reported and discussed.</p>	None	Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department	Completed

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	<p>For FY15, Brent Earnest reported a trend model was used and discussed BH rate increases and PCO rate increases. A shortfall for FY15 was reported due to adults that became eligible for the program.</p>			
<p>VI. Post Award Forum on Centennial Care-committee</p>	<p>Following the budget discussion, each committee member provided input. Next, persons who signed up to speak were called individually to speak at the podium to address the membership. The meeting was open to the public, as are all regular MAC meetings.</p> <p>Approximately nine members provided input on such things as difficulty with the new categories of eligibility, delays in completing applications, people being erroneously dropped, hard to find information on the HSD website, the provider community is not well reimbursed, there are policy issues to be resolved, unsure of roles in care coordination, appeals are processed as grievances and channeled into the fair hearings process, provider credentialing is an 8 month process, and some were frustrated with focus on adult chronic care not on children. Additionally, members stated there was good rapport and relationships with MCO's, appreciation for staff willingness and support, gratitude for naloxone kits, good rewards program, and overall the members felt that things were difficult however things are improving. Further, the members urged the department for more partnership, "we need to be at the table", need more common communication such as letters of direction, and many are looking forward to the ICSS (Independent Consumer Support System).</p>	<p>Julie Weinberg explained the Centennial Care Forum is part of the special terms & conditions of the CC waiver.</p>	<p>Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>VII. Post Award Forum on Centennial Care-public forum</p>	<p>A sign in sheet was provided to organize the public comment period. There was no time limit implemented. 15 persons provided input. Various consumers, providers, and advocates provided information on their experiences since the January implementation date. The persons who provided comments explained their experience included difficulty finding useful information, inconsistent information received from solutions center and ISD customer service, difficulties with care coordination and case management, some services are hard to find (such as psychiatry, case management, and dentistry), there may be shortages of case managers, there was difficulty with the release of medical records, and there was confusion about eligibility.</p> <p>Several of the consumers stated they were thankful for the opportunity to provide comments, and several suggested more training and outreach. There were also suggestions to include chiropractic care in benefit packages, to keep the Native American Technical Advisory</p>	<p>Following the forum, Julie Weinberg said thank you to all the persons who provided feedback.</p>	<p>Julie Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department</p>	<p>Completed</p>

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	Committee, for more value added services for mentally ill, and suggestions for more early intervention treatment programs for children.			
VIII. Public Comment	The forum took the place of the regular public comment session.	None	HSD Leadership	Completed
IX. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.	None	MAC Chairperson	Completed

Respectfully submitted:

Desbah Farden
 Medicaid Advisory Committee Support Person

8/15/14

 Recorder

 Date