



MCAC Meeting Notes

July 6, 2016

MCAC Members Present: David Feeney, Tracey Cohen, Patricia Flanagan, Jean Marie Rocha, Richard Wagner, Kim Zeller

Interested Parties Present: Ana Medeiros (intern/HARI)

EOHHS Staff Present: Jerry Fingerut, Anya Rader Wallack, Diana Beaton

Meeting Convened: 7:06 AM

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Review and Approval of 3/2/16 minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was unanimously approved.
3. **Medicaid Director Update:** Anya Rader Wallack briefed the group on four initiatives that EOHHS is currently busy with. We're in the implementation phase of the Reinventing Medicaid initiatives that began last year.
 - a. **Accountable Entities (AEs)** – We are in a partnership with UHC and NHPRI to pilot AEs (Medicaid's version of accountable care organizations). EOHHS has certified 5 AEs. They include: Integra, CharterCare/Prospect, Blackstone Valley, Providence Community Health Centers, and East Bay CHC/Thundermist. We hope it will be effective to address care and costs for high utilizers and to better coordinate behavioral and physical health. We hope to have fully certified entities in 2017.
Kids are not included in the attributed AE population. There was discussion about not losing ground on all the good work that has been accomplished with children's health care in Rhode Island. It's also important to not lose focus on primary care.
There are 100,000 attributed lives (combined) in the 5 pilots.
 - b. **Reprocurement of MCO Contracts**- the documents for this will be out next week.
 - c. **Integrated Care Initiative (ICI)**, Phase 2 is launched –We have enrolled 60 individuals in Neighborhood INTEGRITY, the Medicare-Medicaid Plan.
 - d. **Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment System** launches in mid- Sept. It will include complex Medicaid groups and social service programs.
4. **Review of draft Medicaid FFS policies:** Policies regarding Total Parenteral Nutrition and Panniculectomy/Abdominoplasty were distributed for review. All were approved without revision.

5. Updates

- a. There was a question about the Accountable Communities Grant. Was it awarded? Yes, to Lifespan, Care NewEngland and South County.
- b. EOHHS has been meeting with RI Housing on a regular basis to work together to build community capacity for housing.

6. Pharmacy Updates

- a. **High Cost Meds**- a lot is happening nationally. Foundations, state consortiums and governments are exploring new payment methodologies. There was a comment that we need to keep raising the fact that MCOs can't impact pharmacy costs despite all the tools we have, costs continue to go up.
- b. **Hepatitis C**- We have approved newer drugs and will update the Hepatitis C policy in the next few months. We expect to have cost details on newest medications by the end of July. It was mentioned that at the VA, if someone tests positive for Hepatitis C, they will get Hepatitis C drug.
- c. **Opioids**- Health is putting together regulations that will address dose/prescribing. There was a comment that we should do a better job with using/requiring use of the Prescription Drug Program.
- d. **Vivitrol**- We've looked at this by plan and in FFS Medicaid; there were barriers but we've addressed that now.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:55am.

Next MCAC Meeting: September 7, 2016, 7:00 am