

BMAS FINAL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

10:00 AM

A quorum of the Board of Medical Assistance Services attended the meeting at the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) offices at 600 East Broad Street, Richmond. A web-ex option was also available for members of the Board and the public to attend virtually.

Present: Tim Hanold, Patricia Cook, Jennifer Clarke, Jason Brewster, Margaret Roomsburg, Paul Hogan, Ashish Kachru

Present Virtually: Dr. Vienne Murray

Absent: Basim Khan, Bernie Boone

DMAS Attendees: Cheryl Roberts-DMAS Director, Jeff Lunardi - Chief Deputy, Tammy Whitlock – Deputy Complex Care Services, Adrienne Fegans -Deputy for Programs, Danielle Nowell – Program Operations Manager/Administration, Chris Gordon-Deputy for Finance, John Kissel-Deputy for Technology & Innovation, Ivory Banks – Chief of Staff, Rich Rosendahl- Deputy for Health Economics and Economic Policy, Lisa Price-Stevens, MD-Chief Medical Officer, Truman Horwitz, Director of Budget, Jason Lowe-Behavioral Health Integration Advisor, Christine Minnick, MSW-Child Welfare Program Specialist, Lanette Walker- Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (OSHR) Chief Financial Officer, Craig Markva –OSHR Assistant Secretary, Jona Roka – OSHR Special Assistant, Brian McCormick- Director Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Emily McClellan-Policy Division Director, Morgan Greer- Board counsel and Brooke Barlow- Board Secretary.

Other Attendees: Troy Washington, Natalie Benke, Meredith Atkinson, Dylan Bishop, Tyler Cox, Yolanda Chandler & Corey Pleasants.

1. Call to Order

Tim Hanold, Board Chair, called for a motion by the Board to open the regular meeting of the Board of Medical Assistance Services at 10:05 am on June 18, 2024, at 600 East Broad Street, Conference Rooms A & B, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Moved by Tim Hanold; 10:05 am; seconded by Ashish Kachru.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 12, 2024 meeting were introduced and approved.

Moved by Tim Hanold; seconded by Ashish Kachru to Approve Motion Passed: 7 - 0
Voting For: Tim Hanold, Patricia Cook, Jennifer Clarke, Jason Brewster, Margaret Roomsburg, Paul Hogan, Ashish Kachru
Voting Against: None

3. Director's Report

Director Roberts presented to the Board an overview of Medicaid, program updates, along with program updates for the Executive Leadership Team. Director Roberts reviewed the DMAS mission and values, Medicaid funding and authority and the five health care levers in Virginia Medicaid healthcare: Coverage & Services, Data Analytics, Member Engagement, Provider/Health System and Managed Care Organization/FFS.

DMAS launched SOAR in 2024 as DMAS' commitment to provide health insurance coverage and services to qualified low-income members in the Commonwealth efficiently. SOAR is Services for Members, Operations and Opportunities, Accountability and Results.

Director Roberts provides updates on Managed care, Maternal Health and CMS Final Rules.

Executive Leadership Team members provided updates on workforce, unwinding, systems, special projects, complex care updates, dental update, nursing facilities, and an update from the Chief Medical Officer.

4. 1115 Demonstration Waiver Renewal Application: Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) and Former Foster Care Youth (FFCY)

Jason Lowe, Behavioral Health Integration Advisor and Christine Minnick, MSW, Child Welfare Program Specialist provide information regarding the 1115 Demonstration Waiver Renewal Application.

With this renewal application, Virginia seeks to extend the SUD and Former Foster Care Youth (FFCY) components the Commonwealth's current 1115 demonstration to build upon Medicaid delivery system reforms already in place under Virginia's State Plan and Medicaid managed care program. Specifically, this demonstration extension, Virginia's demonstration "Building and Transforming Coverage, Services, and Supports for a Healthier Virginia" will:

Continue to provide essential SUD services to all Medicaid enrollees through the ARTS benefit; Maintain authority for coverage of FFCY who aged out of foster care in another state and turned 18 prior to January 1, 2023; and
Sunset the High Needs Supports components of the demonstration until such time that the General Assembly signals funding authority to renew these or similar efforts to implement certain housing and employment supports to eligible high needs Medicaid members.

5. Virtual Option: Bylaws Review'

The Board reviewed and discussed the changes to the policy for remote participation of members and all-virtual meetings. BMAS counsel Morgan Greer assisted with questions the Board proposed. The Board will vote on the policy changes and amendments to the By-laws at the September 17, 2024 meeting.

6. Board Discussion – How do we encourage member engagement in care and coverage – deferred due to time constraints

7. GA Updates – deferred due to time constraints

8. Budget Updates – deferred due to time constraints

9. New Business/Old Business

10. Public Comment – No public comments

11. Regulations – Regulations were presented to the Board and posted to Townhall.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Tim Hanold; seconded by Ashish Kachru to Approve Motion Passed: 7 - 0
Voting For: Tim Hanold, Patricia Cook, Jennifer Clarke, Jason Brewster, Margaret Roomsburg,
Paul Hogan, Ashish Kachru
Voting Against: None

BMAS Board Orientation

At the conclusion of the regular BMAS Board meeting, Board members were provided an Orientation, which began at 12:00 PM and ended at 2:00 PM on June 18,2024 . A web-ex option was also available for members of the Board and the public to attend virtually

Present: Tim Hanold, Jennifer Clarke, Jason Brewster, Margaret Roomsburg

Present Virtually: Bernie Boone

Absent: Basim Khan, Dr. Vienne Murray, Patricia Cook, Ashish Kachru, Paul Hogan

DMAS Staff presented on the topics below:

DMAS Mission and Values

Functions of Agency/Departments

- DMAS Org Chart
- Individual Divisions and descriptions

Medicaid Authority- Agency and board

What is Medicaid and who qualifies (income guidelines) and how to apply

Who We Serve

- children
- pregnant women
- the aged, blind, and individuals with disabilities
- adults - Medicaid Expansion 2020 maag + updated enrollment #'s
- 12-month Continuous Eligibility for children
- Continuous Coverage Unwinding Updates

Programs and Benefits

- Services
- FFS vs. Managed Care
- Transition to Managed Care Cardinal Care
- Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- High level review of services (waivers, etc)
- High level review of benefit programs (ARTS, PACE, etc)

Finance

- Medicaid Funding and Authority
- Finance Overview
- Historical Enrollment
- MCO Claims and Utilization Data

DMAS Major Initiatives of the Agency

- MES
- Pharmacy Services
- Behavioral Health
- General Assembly and State Based Exchange
- Maternal and Child Health

Resources: Dashboards, digital communications, MAAG, BMAS report, Med 101 handout, Board date calendar, links to studies and reports.

