



Executive Council Committee Minutes July 15, 2015

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Introduction:

Roll call.

New Committee and Meeting Planning for SFY16:

Started the meeting with setting meeting frequency and dates. Suggested to meet monthly based on needs etc. Want feedback and input from the group. Does the group prefer conference call or in person.

Federal Waiver Process Update: (Jennifer Steenblock)

JS goes over the schedule handout and informs group that tribal consultation notice was issued yesterday. JS informs that IME finalizing draft documents this week and trying to get everything wrapped up. JS issues reminder that the new 1915B waiver (managed care), 7 amendments on HCBS waivers, amending 2 demonstration waivers (IWP and FP). Post and begin public process early next week. JS covers in detail what is involved in the "formal public notice process". JS gives target date to submit formal documents to CMS first week of September. JS explains process with CMS and provides a status on all waivers. Discussion on this topic pivots to detailed process and steps involved in the federal waiver process at CMS and what steps need to be taken. Liz Matney assists JS in addressing the questions involving the federal waiver process.

Medicaid Modernization Communications

Lindsay Buechel (LB) delineates the rationale behind the new branding, IA Health Link, and how it effectively conveys the narrative of linking all the different parts that make up Iowa Medicaid to generate a positive health outcome. LB explains that the name Iowa

Medicaid is not going, that essentially, Iowa Medicaid includes three main components, IA Health Link, *hawk-i*, and FFS. Handouts are given out. Question and answer session that ensued involved mainly details of how the new managed care program is envisioned to work. Jennifer Steenblock assists LB is fielding questions from EC members.

Other Medicaid Modernization Updates

Liz Matney (LM) provides an update on amendments to the RFP and informs the EC that there is an upcoming rate conference with the bidders. LM updates the target contract award date and contract negotiation date. Discussions ensued with Council Members around rates card, utilization management, and the HCBS waivers. Additionally, there were discussions rules changes that will occur and that will go through the public process to ensure transparency.

Adjourned: 4:25 PM