



MAAC Full Council Meeting Summary of Meeting Minutes February 18, 2016

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Gerd Clabaugh – present	Mikki Stier – present
Dennis Tibben –	Deb Johnson – present
Nancy Hale – present	Matt Highland – present
Kristie Oliver – present	Lindsay Buechel – present
Paula Connolly – present	Sean Bagniewski – present
Shelly Chandler – present	Amy McCoy – present
Anthony Carroll – present	
Jim Cushing – present	
Kate Gainer –	
Cindy Baddeloo – present	
Sara Allen – present	
OTHERS - PRESENT	
Brian Maieski	Jim Donoghue
Sandi Hurtado-Peters	Angie Doyle-Scar
Patty Funaro	Kris Bell
Matthew Flatt	Nick Boyer
Larry Carl	Kevin Kruse
Leah McWilliams	Barbara Nebel
Denise Rathman	Cyndi Miller
Rik Shannon	Megan Bendixen
Matt Blake	David Carlyle
Jennifer Harbison	Jodi Tomlonovic
Maribel Slide (???)	David Beeman

OTHERS - ON PHONE	
Holly Lopez	Leanne O'Brien
Kyle Hildebrand	Chelsea Clark
Dan Britt	Doug Sample

Introduction:

Gerd went through the introduction and passed off a sign in sheet for those in attendance. He asked those on the phone to self-identify. Gerd motioned to declare a quorum to conduct business. No objection and quorum was declared.

Approval of November 25, 2015 Minutes

Gerd called for approval of the minutes of the last Full Council meeting dated November 25, 2015. O'Brien asked for clarification regarding the Listening Sessions and Gerd stated that this will be covered fully as part of the day's agenda. No other changes were suggested and Gerd stated that the minutes of November 25, 2015, were approved upon completion of any stated changes.

IA Health Link Communications Update

Matt provided an update regarding the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) call centers, and that Customer Service Representative (CSR) scripts were being updated on an almost daily basis to ensure that messaging remains up-to-date. Changes to IME CSR scripts have been sent to the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) for updating to MCO CSR scripting, and secret shopping has been done regularly to ensure that call drop-off rates and the length of calls remain low. IA Health Link website updates have been made with the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) webpage being updated frequently, and the recordings of webinars for Member Services Enrollment events and Provider Services training sessions made available to persons unable to attend the recently concluded member meetings and provider trainings. Communication efforts also included the weekly Medicaid e-News, the MCO reassignment of former WellCare members, rolling member enrollment mailings, Informational Letters (ILs) as needed, and the addition of Facebook and Twitter IA Health Link pages. A question was asked by an unknown person regarding the WellCare reassignment process and Matt stated that members would have 90 days to change their MCO for any reason and for reasons of "Good Cause" after that. A question was then asked regarding verification of eligibility and Deb Johnson summarized the IME eligibility system process.

Medicaid Modernization Update

Mikki reminded the group that in December 2015, CMS issued a letter that had 16 points for the Department to work on toward readiness for a March 1 implementation date. Call center staff had been increased as necessary, updates were made to CSR scripting and distributed to IME and MCO CSRs, call statistics improved, and "Soft Skills" training had been given to improve rapport. Brief updates were provided regarding the outreach and training for Long Term Care (LTC) and Case Management agencies, and the daily communications with CMS on the Ombudsman and pharmacy tasks. Gerd invited questions and Dr. Carlyle questioned CMS' recommendation for the LTC ombudsman and if there was consideration for additional staffing. Mikki replied that the IME will continue to work with the ombudsman's office as they had prior to managed care implementation, and the LTC ombudsman was a new area but the IME call center is fully staffed and the IME will continue to work with the ombudsman's office as they had previously. Dan Britt stated that his organization had not signed a contract with UnitedHealthcare but they were listed as providers on the MCO's web portal per their review and the review of their members. Mikki affirmed she would reach out to UnitedHealthcare and get back with a response. Dan added that UnitedHealthcare had claimed his occupational-, physical-, and speech- therapists were considered institutional providers and did not need to be individually credentialed although they are in private practice and would need individual credentialing. Dan then stated that UnitedHealthcare had confirmed that prior authorization was not required although AmeriHealth and Amerigroup had not confirmed this. Mikki restated that IME will reach out to the

MCOs and get back with a response. Denise Rathman (National Association of Social Workers) inquired about not receiving reimbursement from the IME. Sean Bagniewski requested she contact IME Provider Services for resolution. Jim inquired why the MCOs had been reaching out to members, and Deb replied that the MCOs were trying to establish a connection with their members regarding their insurance plan and perhaps inform them of internal case managers that will be available to support the Community-Based case managers. Paula Connolly requested the primary contact for the member if the MCO has a community-based case manager and also have an internal case manager. Deb stated that her personal opinion was that the community-based case manager for LTSS should be the main point of contact. Jim asked if there would be a specific transition process to be followed for members or case managers when they transitioned to managed care case management. Deb stated that there would not be a specific process but there will be oversight from the Department and that the transition would take place over one-year with the community-based case manager being present for the first six months and six additional months of transition activity. Kristie asked when members should expect to receive their ID cards from their MCOs and Lindsay replied that members will receive their IDs after the end of the choice period when member information will go to the MCOs. Kristie sighted confusion in the issuance of the WellCare reassignment letter and Dave Beeman voiced concern about MCO network adequacy and meeting the needs of members. Dave stated he had sent an email to the Department on January 23, 2016, requesting statistics regarding provider networks and geographical reasons without a response. Mikki stated the Department would follow up with him. Question asked from unknown party requesting further information on the "opt-out letter" sent by UnitedHealthcare. The commercial providers were asked to notify the IME if they wished to "opt-out" of providing services to Medicaid members but, UnitedHealthcare providers chose to opt-in to providing Medicaid services. Mikki stated that she would get further clarification. Kevin Cruz stated that one of their members had found discrepancies in coverage between the three MCO provider agreements and manuals and Mikki replied that the Department would meet with persons individually if there were questions regarding coverage or the manuals. Doug Sample cited a case regarding UnitedHealthcare and requested evidence of improvement be shown for coverage to continue. Mikki stated that IME will follow up. Dan Britt confirmed Doug's point and voiced concern regarding claims from UnitedHealthcare that they had reached out to his group regarding opting-out however, they had not. Dan also cited issues concerning the *hawk-i* transition of Wellmark to UnitedHealthcare on speech therapy and others affirmed that both speech therapy and occupational therapy will not be covered by any of the MCOs. Mikki stated the Department would follow up. Paula asked for clarification on role of EPSDT and Mikki stated that she would get back to her. Dr. Carlyle asked how the MCOs were related to the ACOs, and how the MCOs were working in coordination with the ACOs regarding care coordination. Mikki reviewed the use of the Value Index Score (VIS) and that this would continue, further clarifying that MCO contracts specify that they need to meet specific VIS scores. Anthony suggested that the website highlight the May 18, 2016, date relative to the implementation date change of March 1. He also suggested incorporating the top 10 member questions into the FAQ on the webpage as it is listed on the top 10 list of questions document.

Public Comment/Listening Session Meeting Details and Overview

Lindsay outlined the schedule of the IA Health Link Public Comment meetings in ten cities throughout Iowa. She stated that members of the Executive Committee will be tasked with reviewing comments that are received and making recommendations to the Department accordingly. Lindsay stated that moving forward, the Full Council meetings will receive a summary of comments and reviewed the points outlined in the document that was handed out titled, "Process for IA Health Link Public Comment Meetings". Meetings will not be Q&A format but rather comment-based, and if the number of speakers are limited due to time-constraints, there will be post-meeting opportunities to write in comments. Meetings will be held between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. for the convenience of the largest number of people. The schedule is to be posted on the IA Health Link website along with other relevant documents for the meetings, and will be promoted via social media, Medicaid e-News, IME website, community partners, and so forth. Representatives from Member Services, Provider Services, and the MCOs will be present to answer questions, and two Executive Committee representatives will be present at the meetings to take notes to be summarized to the Full Council and the Executive Committee. Gerd thanked the Executive Committee as well as Mikki and her staff on their active

engagement in collecting feedback.

Upcoming Meetings and MAAC Workplan Review

Gerd reviewed the work plan discussion from the January 19, 2016, Executive Committee meeting and presented a draft of a work plan document. The document was created for the Executive Committee and Full Council to record ideas discussed in meetings, to be updated as necessary and serve as a pipeline for tasks to prioritize agenda items. Gerd then discussed the sequencing of meetings as had been brought up in the previous Executive Committee meeting, and it was decided that it would be more productive if the sequence were switched so that the Full Council met first and followed by the series of Executive Committee meetings. He stated that this allows Full Council issues to have follow-up discussions, tracking, and action at the subsequent Executive Committee meetings and will begin with the May 2016 meeting. Jodi Tomlanovich suggested the creation of a standing agenda for the Full Council agenda to allow a summary form of the topic discussion. Gerd acknowledged that meeting minutes are posted on the MAAC webpage. Dr. Carlyle suggested that Full Council be more active in agenda items to be discussed prior to formal recommendations and Gerd agreed.

Notice of Election of Vice Chairperson at May 2016 Meeting

Gerd reviewed the rules governing the election of the Vice Chairperson and a nominating committee would be created. A committee of three selected from the council would serve on the nominating committee and would develop a list of candidates for the position to be selected by the Full Council. Council members were given until Friday, February 26, 2016, to express interest in serving on the committee. Once formed, Gerd would meet with the committee to review selection and election process. Gerd then informed of the position opening in Executive Council to be vacated by Nancy Hale and of the vote to be taken at the May Full Council meeting for replacement. Lindsay stated that said position is held by someone in the public member and consumer organization category, and that a listing of corresponding organizations is available. Dr. Carlyle asked who would be eligible for the position of Vice Chairperson and Gerd stated that the person did not have to be a member of the Executive Committee. If the person elected were not a member of the Executive Committee, they would not automatically become a member as there are set limits on the number of Executive Committee members. Persons interested in being on the nominating committee could email Gerd directly.

Public Comments

Dr. Carlyle suggested an ombudsman for non-Long Term Care (LTC) activities. Jodi cited confusion in adding discussion items to the agenda. Gerd stated that an item of re-evaluation is to understand better the role of the MAAC as a recommender of policy to the department and to have a clearer, rules-compliant process of formulating such recommendations. Dave expressed disagreement with Gerd on what the administrative code meant in the process of making a recommendation to the Department, as he interpreted the administrative code to mean that both the Executive Committee and the Full Council should collectively establish a recommendation. Gerd requested a separate discussion with Dave. Dr. Carlyle suggested that the Attorney General's office be invited to address the Full Council as well. Jodi expressed concern in adding agenda items in a timely manner, and the ability of the MAAC to make recommendation. Paula recommended making items available on the website and Gerd stated he would address this at an upcoming Executive Committee Meeting. Anthony recommended that Paula's suggestion be presented again after the Executive Committee has discussed. Dave cited that Robert's Rule of order had not typically been used in previous meetings and Gerd stated that Robert's Rule was not specifically recommended in the administrative rules and that the group would be better served by rule of consensus. The point was made that consumer groups are not well represented in the council and recommendations were requested on nominating persons to the council. Lindsay stated that professional organizations and consumer organizations are appointed as outlined in the administrative code and the public representatives are appointed through the Governor's office. Gerd stated that we can provide more insight into this later.

Adjourned: 2:30 P.M.