



Full Council Committee Minutes May 28, 2015

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Overview of Voting for New Executive Committee:

Lindsay Buechel explains terms of election and goes through the ballot process. She states that results of balloting will be communicated by mid-week next week.

Introduction and Remarks from New Medicaid Director:

Mikki Stier compliments IME staff and looks forward to the transition.

Medicaid Budget Update:

Joe Havig explains that FY15 unfunded need of 80 million - up from 76 million and continues to trend upward. He shows chart that shows a high level need from the expenditures which increased \$140 million, where revenue increased by \$60 million. Break down of FMAP changes and TREND. [Explains the chart on slide]. Governor's recommendation: SFY16. All three (Gov, Senate, House) all assume different levels of general fund appropriations and different assumptions of state levels and spending. [Explains graph for the base expenditures with the rest of the columns in the table] Senate includes Modernization savings. Senate and House assume lower cost containment savings than Governor's recommendation. Each proposal includes programmatic changes with different initiatives and programs. There's a high level of key differences and appropriation / funded in next fiscal year. He goes over IHAWP spending, CHIP budget, Medicaid Contracts. Explains that \$60 source already identified to cover the \$80 gap.

Iowa Health and Wellness Plan / NEMT Waiver / Comment Period

Deanna Jones Provides the background for the first year of the NEMT waiver. Full assessment to be made to determine access to care related to transportation barriers. CMS did approve the extension. Experiences between IHAWP and traditional Medicaid members were compared to determine differences in transportation related issues. Survey results concluded that there were insignificant differences. (State stats here). Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members had same access to provider or Medicaid group. We gave public notice in April to continue the NEMT waiver through the end of this year.

Health Behaviors Program Update

Lindsay Buechel provides final results of the last year. No one had contributions in 2014. Contributions started in 2015. Reminder, these two activities need to be completed - Wellness Exam and HRA. Updated all toolkits and materials about the program. She extends thanks to the provider community that got many individuals engaged to do HRA and Wellness Exam. In 2015, since we added dental exam, 26,000 people completed Wellness Exam, 10,000 HRA, just over 5,000 for both activities. Expected to go up towards the fall as it was the previous year.

SIM Grant Update

Bob Schlueter give update on current status. He provided a background on SIM Grant. He explained that February began Medicaid Modernization RFP – the original SIM application didn't include a wholesale shift to managed care, so needed to account for that. We have been working within the RFP process as well to ensure key SIM levers are in place and aligned even while MCOs add a layers into the design. Announced go ahead from CMMI (group within CMS agency) to draw the funds and do the important work to continue with the SIM test grant. He goes over the Key Elements of Transformation into the Delivery System and the Value Index Score. as vehicle to measure quality with value based purchasing and as a clear metric that is in agreement with the delivery system.

Medicaid Modernization

Liz Matney states that RFP released back in February for a managed care structure for population. Goes over when each amendment was released along with rates. Because of timeline original due date was May 19, wanted to give potential bidders a bit more time. Proposals are in. We received eleven proposals. Encourage to go out to website for important documents and information. Plan is to read bids thoroughly and have awards announced August 7. We have an evaluation team of DHS employees planning to work around the clock. Updated managed care regulations just released by CMS. We have also received additional comments from CMS on our RFP. We are working on developing external quality review methodology; mandatory and optional activities. We are talking to a lot of other states within this process. Jennifer Steenblock has taken lead on waivers. We did submit first draft of 1915(b) wavier on May 18 and first of 1915(c) today. We have a draft of 1115 Demonstration waiver that we will be submitting to CMS later this week or next week.

Jennifer Steenblock (JS): The Department needs a vehicle to implement managed care for federal approval to get that authority. Proceeding with concurrent waivers and are submitting a new 1915(b) waiver that will incorporate LTC, physical and behavioral health care. The concurrent comes in with the seven HCBS waivers so the 1915(c) includes this. We are planning to do public hearings and post information in early July. We will plan to submit these waivers in early September. Looking to align and promote transparency and just do it all together so we can ensure managed care delivery. State plan amendments to be submitted to incorporate changes as well.

IA Health Link

Lindsay Buechel (LB): Discussed the branding and communications plan for the transition. We are calling managed care the Iowa Health Link Program. This name is Medicaid consumer tested and found to be friendly and approachable. The whole concept behind Iowa Health Link is to link the various components of health care together under one Medicaid program. LB goes over proposed communications tactics for rolling out the new brand. We are in the process of developing a group that will provide guidance with LTC, HCBS/waiver populations, etc. – goal is to get feedback directly from families and advocates and members. Provider training will be held in fall, looking into trainings for stakeholders as well. We will be developing a lot of educational material and mailings this summer to introduce the concept. Second mailing will be in fall – this is when members will make selection on managed care organization. We are looking at fall months to start that transition. We will develop a lot of outreach and provider educational materials and FAQs, timelines, ILs, email, materials available at website, etc. Community partners will be a target group. LB goes over proposed communications timeline.

Rules Review

Any questions on outstanding rules. Lindsay Buechel read purpose of change.

New Business

Lindsay Buechel announces that Full Council would be November, but will be adding other meetings on the calendar in summer months and another in the fall.

Q&A and Public Comment

Mikki Stier email will be sent out with Minutes.

Adjourned at 11:20 AM