

**Medical Care Advisory Committee
Quarterly Meeting
Health Care Services
4501 Business Park Blvd. Bldg. L
Anchorage, AK 99503
December 1-2, 2017**

I. Call to order

Keren Kelley, Chair at 10:30 on 12/01/2017

Members Present/Round Table Introductions:

Karen Kelley, Chair	Dane Lenaker	Renae Axelson	Phillip Hofstetter
Matthew Hirschfeld	Renee Gayhart	Jon Sherwood	Shelley Deering

New MCAC Administrative Assistant: Dawn Harris

Members Absent:

Bunti Reed

II. Agenda: Reviewed and approved agenda, prior meetings minutes

III. New business:

- Matt will recruit for Non-Gov SSA
- Renae has two nominees Consumer/Advocate from Hope and Non-Gov SSA

IV. Department and Division updates:

MMIS certification, Conduent, HCS hot topics and SB74 activities

- Margaret Brodie - Currently conducting classification study for MAA job class. What are the qualifications needed, skills sets for Sr. Disabilities Svcs., Behavioral Health and Children Svcs.
- New contract with Magellan as of today. Changed from Conduent. New updates to MMIS System and new reports for Legislatures. Conduent has wrong information. Expect to see all items entered into CMS by the end of February.
- Looking at POP Health. Trying to see all products will actually be useful to the State. Final decision will be within the next 6 months.
- Medical I.T. Assessments looks at all system and evaluates each component.
- Working on how we report services to claims.
- Working on HIPA OP rules, will be compliant by May 2018.
- SS removal initiative all Medicaid and Medicare reporting by May 2018.

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- Upgrading software to receive all web portals showing Explanation of Benefits HIPPA EDI – interface SDS sends Svs. Auth's to ours.

Public Health -

SDS hot topics, SDS SB74 activities

- HIV Health Infinity Group – NASHP will be writing HSS/to make a difference.
- 618 Initiative.
- Tracking Diabetes/High Blood pressure etc.
- Adult Public Health - Community First Choice SB74 – Build new program to receive higher Federal match as well as extra services for personal care.
 - ◆ Training
 - ◆ Actual skill building
 - ◆ Individualized supports waiver. Still a waitlist for services. \$17,500 cap for services
 - ◆ 600 people waiting
 - ◆ Expected to go live in March 2018, doesn't include coordinated care services
- SDS – Rebuild auto services plan. New data system for providers to have access to some of the system. Expected to go live in January 2018.
- Care Coordinators being trained can help recipients apply for PCA/Reps – Long-term Care, STARS (short term) ADRC's with provisions through MyAlaska.

Senior & Developmental Disabilities Services –

SDS hot topics, SDS, SB74 activities

- Audited by Investigative General – must make sure to do timely reporting.
- Medicare and Medicaid Service Providers must have all settings compliant. Keeps isolating people by or because of their disabilities.
- Internal reform. Not good feedback for assessments.

Health Care Services/Rate Review

Access Monitoring Review

- Heidi Barnes/Donna Steward – Handed out State Plan Activity Matrix.
- Deb Erickson, Monique Martin, Gennifer Menroe – SB74 Med Reform Bill Waiver released on Tuesday and was separated into 16 incentives.

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- What's the vision, what is the desired outcome required Nov 15 to report to Legislative Session. 20-25 page report. Went out for public comment on Nov 15. Waived the following:
 - Individual exclusions
 - Children
 - Community Based Care Units (Acute Mental Health)
 - Adult Substance Abuse Users
- Will be hosting public ASO coordination of care – required to contract with a Medicaid and Medicare Organization and managed care model.
 - Managed care
 - Provider based reforms
 - Care management entity
- Received multiple proposals – negotiating with three organizations that the State is working with. Mainly around Behavioral Health System. MCAC Webinar will continue to provide updates.

Division of Public Assistance –

Medicaid enrollment, backlog status, status of ARIES

- Jessica Bogard for Monica Windom – Current Medicaid Enrollment 111,285 for 17% increase.
- Backlog Status – 141 Initial enrollments, 252 Recertification. Medicaid in October 2017/14,781, November 2017/11,453.
- 30 vacant positions with 25% increase on work.
- ARIES – Working over-time to work on the files. What are the plans / Contract with change. Vacancy rates extremely high. Expect 11 to 15 additional months to get the back-log caught up.
- More Food stamp cases. 44, 000 total FS cases.
- For the new ARIES system for children and pregnant women. 600 per month presumed applications – Emergency Room, Hospital applicants. Believe will be a huge increase. Once systems have been integrated, it should help streamline the E.T.'s do things and help increase productivity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Karen Peters, Dr. Shane Will, Dr. Jocelyn Dunnigan, Myra Rilers, Arlene Patuce, Dr. Patricia Clay, Bill Harris, Rachel Greenburg, Lean Crafton, Aaron Sykes, William Salter, Dr. Douglas Eby, Christine Tan
- Dr. Shane Will, Pediatrician - Pediatric Center. Significant DME cuts. Is opposed to the cuts, very concerned.

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- Dr. Jocelyn Dunnigan, Pediatrician - South Central Foundation. Sees the most complex special needs patients. DME's only source of food. Kids will die. Taking from the most vulnerable. They have no voice.
- Karen Peters, AMC Pediatrics – Cutting down on feeding supplies will be huge issue. They will run out of supplies.
- Myra Ryley and child – Mother and recipient of DME supplies. My baby is out of supplies. He is 100% dependent on his feeding tubes. Because we are limited, I try to wash them and re-use them. It's not safe and my baby can get infections from it.
- Arlene Patuce, Case Manager. Wants to advocate for the patients regarding limited beds. Cuts would you make? Partial paying families?
- William Harris, Medical Sales Rep – DME concerned because of tube feeding. No access to get Pediatric formulas or high end formulas. Children with mal-absorbency issues, it makes it impossible to provide.
- Rachel Greenburg, Agency President, Medical Transportation. July 2015 changed and created a block for transportation providers.
- Leann Crafton, Care Coordinator – IDB Recipient Waiver, don't have a choice for residential, ALI/IDB Option needs to be changed and fixed. Assed for waiver who can be left by themselves. Relook at tools and fix them
- Aaron Sykes, Dir. Of Finance, wanted to hear on public comments.
- Dr Will – In/out patient increase of costs concerned.
- Dr. Clay – What are the options?
- Karen – Pro-care, unable to answer.

MCAC Recommendation

- Forward information to Margaret regarding Myra and her baby to look into.
- If fee schedule is adopted then additional units/companies will be dropping out as they cannot stay in business as compensation reimbursement is not enough to stay in business.
- William Salter, South Central Foundation, worried about cutbacks from Reg changes/DME's, Fee schedule changes. Again the question remains – What happens next?

V. Adjournment

Keren Kelley adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm. Reconvene December 2nd at 8:30 am

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VI. Call to Order

Keren Kelley, Chair at 8:30 on 12/02/2017

VII. Roundtable Discussion:

- Renee Gayhart – SB74 – Tribal refinance – target savings
 - LY- 32M TY – 42M NY – 62M Claims pulling narrow to Native benefits.
 - 25 of 32M was travel. Only initiative saving money right now.
- Shelley Deering – Have not received price increase in last 10 years. That only pays for travel out and back.
- Matthew Hirschfeld – Grateful for Medicaid – Travel and new dental.
- Phillip Hofstetter – Ruff year with accidents and suicides in the last six months. A lot of trauma in our region. Focus on Behavioral Health, Hearing Projects with the community.
- Dane Lenaker – Claims/Code 1354 help protect and stop decay. Boost communication.
- Keren Kelley – ARDC working to keep people at home. One person Long-term Care closing. Has three homes – negative \$90k per year. Changing business model. Waitlist is extremely low. Looking at Assisted Living Tool – Assessment, building an Alzheimer’s unit.
- Jon Sherwood – New budget tight. Still no fiscal plan increase in Medicaid recipients, use 3% of General Funds. Reduced Behavior Health Grants, Corrections, Eliminated CAMA Program.
- RBA – Remove from Committee? Division has moved away from it. Shelly motioned to remove it. Per Jon, remove RBA from committee.
- Scheduled next four meetings for 2018:
 - March 16, 2018 – Teleconference

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- June 22, 2018 – Teleconference.
- September 28-29 – Face to Face (Location Anchorage, HCS Building).
- November 30, 2018 – Teleconference.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting Adjourned December 2, 2017 at 12:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Dawn Harris, Administrative Assistant II, Health Care Services

Minutes approved by: Keren Kelley, Chair