

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)			Attending: Ritu Bhatnagar, Allison Espeseth, Rebekah Fox, Veronica Gunn, Lauren Jerzak, Joshua Merskey, Dipesh Navasaria, Bobby Peterson, Randy Samuelson, Laura Waldvogel, Luisana Wakau, Mike Wallace
Date: 7/6/2022	Time Started: 9:00 a.m.	Time Ended: 11:30 a.m.	
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting			Presiding Officer: Veronica Gunn
Minutes			

Members absent: Samantha Falk, David Gundersen, John Rathman, Jennifer Winter

Others present: Lisa Olson, Curtis Cunningham, Krista Willing, Jamye Chapman, Gina Anderson, Emily Loman, Ruth Sullivan, Christian Moran, Nick Di Meo, Kelly Van Sicklen

Meeting Call to Order, Veronica Gunn, MAC Chairperson

- Roll was called. Twelve members were present, constituting a quorum.
- The agenda was reviewed.
- Minutes from the 4/6/22 meeting were reviewed and finally approved. Motion to approve by Dr. Ritu Bhatnagar second by Randy Samuelson. No opposed, no abstentions.

“Medicaid 101” Refresh, Lisa Olson, Medicaid Director

Director Olson provided a brief overview presentation of the primary areas of programmatic services and expenditures in Medicaid.

Drivers of Health Small-Group Discussion, DMS Staff

DMS staff provided high-level overviews of four “levers” available to the Division to mitigate Drivers of Health, including contracting, transparency and public accountability, reimbursement and incentives, and data. MAC members and members of the public were invited join one small group discussion based on an available “lever.” Questions for discussion in each of the small groups included:

- How might the Division of Medicaid Services utilize **this lever** to address Social Determinants of Health/Drivers of Health?
- What measures indicate that the Medicaid program is achieving the objective?

Contracting

Resources and supports should be developed to help Medicaid members understand their rights under the contracts that the state has with managed care organizations and other providers. Health Check Other Services is a good example where contract requirements could be better enforced. Simplify contract language to the extent possible. Use data points on education and outreach services to identify targets for improvement.

Transparency and Public Accountability

Challenges around drivers of health for providers include the high number of BadgerCare Plus contracts that must be managed, which can lead to a lack of uniformity in data capture and measurement. How much data must providers collect from clients/patients? Must have a shared understanding of what to measure and how to set those standards, but because drivers of health are so broad, a shared understanding of what to measure doesn’t currently exist. Conceptually, transparency and accountability are predicated on simplicity and clarity.

Reimbursement and Incentives

How prescriptive should the Medicaid program be on reimbursement? Is the cost of compliance worth the incentive that is provided by the Medicaid program? These are important questions that state Medicaid should examine. Look for alignment with federal requirements on drivers of health. Incentives should be structured more as a process to move

toward a certain outcome rather than a cliff event where those who pass are rewarded and those who fail are not. That structure tends to perpetuate underperformance for some.

Data

Focus on data of individuals cycling in and out of Medicaid and what it means for continuity of care. Trying to create a complete data picture for individuals while they are off Medicaid and for those who change HMOs while on Medicaid is challenging because of systems complexities and data sharing issues. Department of Corrections data is important to share with broader public and accountability efforts to highlight gaps as individuals cycle back from an incarcerated setting into society and what kinds of challenges they may face. Solicit member stories to better understand how Medicaid is helping actual people. Connect data to those stories to effectuate needed policy changes. Consider partnerships with community outreach organizations to help identify appropriate individual stories.

Postpartum Care 1115 Waiver Update Lisa Olson, Medicaid Director

Director Olson provided a brief update on the status of the Postpartum Care Section 1115 waiver application that Wisconsin submitted to CMS earlier in 2022.

Jamye Chapman, Senior Equity Advisor, Administrator's Office

Senior Equity Advisor Jamye Chapman gave an update presentation on the work being done by the Division to develop an approach to equity strategy.

Receive Public Comment on Drivers of Health Discussions

Two members of the public joined the meeting but did not offer comment. One member of the public provided a comment to a MAC member during the small group session prior to the public comment period. The comment was regarding the importance of ensuring data on Medicaid strategies are visible to all partners.

Wrap-up, Veronica Gunn, MAC Chairperson

- Next meeting is October 5, 2022. Topic for that meeting will be determined and communicated before the meeting. MAC officers will follow-up with an email with links to materials.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn, Bobby Peterson. Second, Mike Wallace. The meeting concluded at 11:30 am central time.

Prepared by: Veronica Gunn and Emily Loman on 9/15/2022.

These minutes are in draft form and will be reviewed for approval by the governmental body on: 10/5/2022