**STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, January 12, 2017 @ 9:30am**

**Kaplan University, Augusta**

Commission members in attendance: Bret Achorn, Diane Bailey, Chris Brawn, Lois Baxter, Sandra Doyon, Jonathan French, Becky Greene, Claire Hassler, Ellen Hughes, Terry James, Kelly John, Carrie Margrave, Karen O’Connor, Robert Omiecinski, Carrie Margrave, Joyce Oreskovich, Wanita Page, Nickole Wesley

(total = 18)

Commission members absent: Lauren Carrier, Eric Cioppa, Laurie Doucette, Lew Miller

*\*Note: Two vacant commission seats; appointments pending*

Others present: Kurt Caswell, Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez, Heather Albert – Employee Health & Benefits; Sabrina Simmons, Louise Mccleery, Bob Downs, David Norton – Aetna; Bill Clifford, Burr Duryee – USI; Jodi Collins, Bill Whitmore – Anthem; Lynn Derocher, Lisa Nolan – Maine Health Management Coalition; Thomas Record – State of Maine, Bureau of Insurance; Cecile Champagne-Thompson – Maine Turnpike Authority; Derek Chase – Maine Maritime Academy (appointment pending)

*\*Note: Conference phone not available*

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| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action/Next Steps |
| I. Call to Order (9:30am) | Joyce Oreskovich called the meeting to order |  |
| II. Introductions | Welcome Tom Record, who is sitting in for Eric Cioppa, and Derek Chase who is replacing Sam Teal, Maine Maritime Academy (Labor) |  |
| III. Review & Approval of Minutes (November 10, 2016) | Karen noted the follow up item from Aetna regarding Lyme disease. | Lois Baxter made motion to accept the minutes as amended; Bret Achorn seconded; no abstentions. Motion passed. |
| *IVa. UPDATES- MONTHLY* | | |
| a.i. Aetna Monthly Report – Point of Service Plan  *Sabrina Simmons* | Information contained in written report; highlights and discussion noted below:   * In response to Joyce Oreskovich’s question from November, this month’s report includes the Lyme disease demographic information * Epipen utilization is also included at the end of the report * Opiod usage is included from the pharmacy side. Wanita Page asked if the information was available to break this down between acute and chronic patients/scripts. This information also includes prescriptions prescribed by a dentist. | Sabrina Simmons will follow up on opioids question regarding script frequency. |
| a.ii. Aetna Monthly Report – Medicare Advantage Plan  *Sabrina Simmons* | Information contained in written report; highlights and discussion noted below:   * Member communications include (from December) formulary and utilization management changes (for prior authorizations), flu and pneumococcal vaccine. There was a provider outreach as well regarding vaccines. * Original Medicare cost shares for 2017 included. Does not apply to our plan; just informational. |  |
| a.iii. Accountable Care Organizations/Disease Management  *Louise Mccleery* | Louise Mccleery provided an update. Discussion highlights include:   * MaineHealth has aggressive quality goals. Performing @ 75% of target however this is not the year end number. Should have final results in a week or two. * KRHA - no contract for FY16. Aetna & KRHA have reached an agreement for FY17. * Beacon Health – negotiations continue for current fiscal year. * Intermed & Martin’s Point. Intermed is performing very well. Martin’s Point is over target; performing very well on their quality measures. |  |
| a.iv. Plan Experience Summary  *USI* | Burr Duryee presented the Monthly Claims & Budget Tracking Review reports. Discussion highlights below:   * Budget versus actual for rolling 12 months is 101.6% and 100.6% for the policy period * There are currently 16 members with claims over $250k in the current period; total $7.5M |  |
| a.v. Executive Summary Discussion  *Employee Health & Benefits* | Information contained in written Executive Summary report; discussion below:   * Still negotiating the contract with Grand Rounds. Challenges with the data requirements due to current system limitations. Contract has not been signed. * Exploring options to possibly move older retirees in the Point of Service plan to the Medicare Advantage plan in order to provide appropriate coverage and meet the needs of this subset of the population. Will keep the Commission informed. |  |
| *IVb. UPDATES - BIANNUAL* | | |
| b.i. Dental Plan Report  *(Provided in March and September) Marie Bridges, Frank Boucher of Northeast Delta Dental* | Formal report is not due for this month. |  |
| b.ii. Employee Assistance Program Report  *(Provided in October and April)* | Formal report is not due for this month. |  |
| V. Old Business |  |  |
| a. Appeals Update  *Kurt Caswell* | Kurt Caswell provided and update on the appeals process. Discussion highlights include:   * Started with 133 appeals which were summarized for the Appeals Committee who granted 33 appeals. Of the remaining 100, 21 formally requested a 2nd appeal; the committee heard those on Monday and half have been approved. Two or three are pending (waiting for more information). The WellStarME system upgrades will prevent some of the issues identified during this round of appeals. |  |
| VI. New Business |  |  |
| a. Educational Session: Specialty Pharmacy  *USI* | Bill Clifford presented a Power Point presentation. Discussion highlights below:   * Types of drugs are injectable biologics (although not all) * Average national cost $3,400/month * Typical conditions are cancer and MS (where specialty medications are prescribed) * Consider reviewing best practices and suggest alternative plan design |  |
| b. Other | Joyce Oreskovich informed the Commission that she and Chris Brawn will be presenting to the Insurance and Financial Services Committee on Tuesday @ 1pm in room 220. The presentation will provide a brief overview of the Division and the Commission.  Joyce and Chris also mentioned LR725 – “An Act to Enhance the Administration of the State’s Group Health Plan” (to address length of contract terms) | Chris Brawn will forward the information about the legislation and the Committee meeting |
| Break (10:37am-10:47am) |  |  |
| VII. Other Business |  |  |
| a. Opiate Discussion Follow-Up  *Bret Achorn* | Bret Achorn provided an overview of the Maine Health Management Coalition symposium held last year. Post-motion discussion below:   * Challenges discussed as to how to track the motion * Chris Brawn suggested to consider other metrics currently being utilized specifically by the ACO’s and research attributed populations to determine needs * Kurt Caswell suggested data & information be gathered and monitored to see where the trend goes. * Wanita Page provided a summary of the new Public Law 488 “An Act to Prevent Opiate Abuse by Strengthening the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.” | Bret Achorn made a motion to use one of the quality metrics for reporting from the ACO’s a measure of how well a hospital trains or requires their prescribers to counsel opioid patients on the associated risks, including control and disposal.  Brett offered a friendly amendment to investigate this issue.  Brett withdrew the motion. |
| b. Executive Session  *Commission & USI* |  | Joyce Oreskovich made a motion to enter into Executive Session; Ellen Hughes seconded. Motion passed. Guests were excused. |
| VIII. Adjourn Meeting (12:00pm) |  | Lois Baxter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Diane Bailey seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned. |

*2017 Meeting Schedule (invites to follow;* ***NEW LOCATION****!)*

* *February 9, 2017 (Maine State Library)*
* *March 9, 2017 (Maine State Library)*
* *April 13, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*
* *May 11, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*
* *June 8, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*
* *July 13, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*
* *August 10, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*
* *September 14, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*
* *October 12, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*
* *November 9, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*
* *December 14, 2017 (Central Maine Commerce Center, Champlain Room)*