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**MAINECARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**PRESENT**

Michelle Probert  
Sarah Grant  
Molly Slotznick  
Tom Leet  
Stephanie Chase  
Leo Delicata  
Gia Drew  
Al Durgin  
Mark Eves  
Zachary Hawkins  
Michael Hallundbaek  
Jillian Jolicoeur  
Kathy Kilrain Del Rio  
Jim Martin  
Vickie McCarty  
Dr. Chris Pezzullo  
Atlee Riley  
Dee Sabattus  
Judy Seals  
Jeff Tiner  
Susan White  
David Winslow  
Sarah Lewis  
Mary Schneckenburger

**ON THE PHONE**

Lydia Dawson  
Rachel Dyer  
Candy Henderly  
Malory Shaughnessy  
Lea Studholme

**GUESTS**

Suzanne Farley  
Karen Shaplin  
Laurie Belden  
Rita Furlough  
Michelle Barrows  
Cathy Dionne

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MaineCare Advisory Committee Chair and Vice chair Selection**

The MaineCare Advisory Committee Chair will preside at committee meetings and work with MaineCare staff to develop meeting agendas. In addition to presiding over MAC meetings, the Chair may call special committee meetings as necessary and will appoint subcommittee chairs.

The MaineCare Advisory Committee Vice chair will assist in planning meeting agendas and will conduct MAC meetings in the Chair's absence.

The MAC must meet at least six times during the year, and official members should attend all meetings. Official members should send a delegate in the event they are unable to be present at a meeting.

The MaineCare Advisory Committee members voted to determine how they would handle the membership's voting process, moving forward. The vote was unanimous to make determination on issues via majority rule.

The MaineCare Advisory Committee members, per ballot vote, elected a Chair and Vice chair. The official membership of the committee, per majority rule vote, elected Kathy Kilrain Del Rio as the new Chair. Vickie McCarty was elected Vice chair.

Kathy will take over Chair duties at next meeting.

### **APA Process Review by Tom Leet and Brief Rule Status Update**

Tom presented an overview of the APA rulemaking process. The committee requested a more in-depth presentation, sometime in the near future, featuring an explanation of how to understand the Rule Status Update document as well as a more in-depth review of the policy rule making process.

Tom presented the Rule Status update. It was noted that the AG's Office has recommended changes be made to the draft of the school-based services rule.

Kathy will collect names of individuals interested in serving on a sub-committee to discuss the school-based services rule, and she will work to get meetings scheduled.

### **Discussion of how the MAC might support legislative initiatives, and establishing group priorities**

It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to determine what role the MAC might play in shaping legislation before it gets introduced. Kathy will reach out to develop a subcommittee.

Michelle and David noted that, as timeframes and deadlines govern the work we do, the goal to have people working on the front end is a great goal, but it may not be feasible.

Jillian made a motion to increase MAC meeting frequency to monthly, two-hour long meetings. The motion was passed. The MAC will meet the first Tuesday of every month from 10 to noon. If monthly occurrences prove to be too frequent, the MAC will determine if there's a desire amongst the members to go back to bi-monthly meetings.

The group requested Zoom access for video meeting capabilities.

## **EVV Update**

At the last MAC meeting, there was a lot of conversation about the implementation timeline for Electronic Visit Verification. The Federal requirement makes mandatory a live date of 1/1/2020, however CMS has allowed states to apply for good faith exemptions.

As of August, we have applied for a good faith exemption. We have not heard back whether our request has been approved or declined. CMS has asked clarifying questions regarding our request, and no states have yet been denied. We are hopeful our request will be granted, and we'll let everyone know as soon as we hear.

1/1/2020 is our implementation goal. As there is a possibility our good faith exemption request may not be granted, effected providers need to continue working towards a 1/1/2020 implantation, just in case. The current plan, if we do not get good faith exemption, is that we will implement a 5 day pend on claims beginning 1/1/2020.

Susan noted that, as an organization struggling with Sandata, trying to have 3<sup>rd</sup> party integration is incredibly challenging. There are challenges outside of her organization's control.

Jillian noted that it's hard to have a payment delay when no one is transmitting accurately at this point.

Mark asked who the contact person would be to connect with concerning 3<sup>rd</sup> party integration. Molly will get back to Mark regarding his question.

Lydia noted part of the problem is there are no 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors who are approved.

The question was posed regarding whether the Department will consider extending that deadline if providers are still struggling when the deadline nears. Molly noted she does not want to answer yes or no right now. The intent is to follow the issue closely and see how things are progressing.

The Department is working on member communications regarding EVV. MAC members can provide input by reaching out to Sarah.

The department is also working on updating the EVV website, so the info is easy to understand and locate.

## **Sub-committee Update**

Currently, the areas where sub-committees are being formed or are being considered to be formed are:

School based services

Legislative issues

Children's services/school-based services

Rate setting  
Interpreter services  
Provider Communications  
Member communications and member access, interpreter services  
Prevention is on hold for follow-up with Denise  
Transportation is on hold for the moment.  
Assistive tech access is on hold

#### **AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

MaineCare credentialing process  
Section 106 school-based services  
Update on EVV

MAC members may send agenda items to Kathy.

The request was made that meeting materials be disseminated earlier, and that the agenda be provided in advance.

The floor was opened to guests for input. There were no additional comments or questions from meeting attendees on the phone or present in the room.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**