

MaineCare Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio called to order the regular meeting of the MaineCare Advisory Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1st.

II. ROLL CALL

Kathy Kilrain del Rio conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Kathy Kilrain del Rio; Esther Bullard; Laura Cordes; Leo Delicata; Cathy Dionne; Gia Drew; Al Durgin; Suzanne Farley; Mike Hallundbaek; Jillian Jolicoeur; Sarah Lewis; Vickie McCarty; Pete Plummer for Mark Eves; Atlee Reilly; Mary Schneckenburger; Malory Shaughnessy; Jeff Tiner; and David Winslow

Department: Sarah Grant; Fran Jensen; Jenny Patterson; Michelle Probert; and Molly Slotznick

Guests: Ellen Baker; Julie Brennan; Elizabeth Cameron; Suzanne Farley; Kali Hess; Polly Legere; Becca Matusovich; Malory Shaughnessy; and Jessi Wright

III. NEW BUSINESS

a) DHHS Updates With Michelle Probert

- 12 to 15 year old may now receive the COVID 19 vaccination.
- The Governor has released her budget, and the proposal for the second part of this biennial budget includes MaineCare rate reform efforts.
- The Department intends to have a process of stakeholder engagement between now and January to collect input both on planned legislation as well as the schedule for adjustments and additional rate studies.
- CMS has indicated that school based services are considered eligible for the HCBS enhanced FMAP. CMS is specifying that services need to be indicated on a child's IEP in order to qualify for the enhanced match.
- Esther shared that OFI has been involved in Town Hall meetings to discuss the public health emergency. The federal government has said states will receive a 60 day notice prior to the close of the PHE.
- The OFI Hospital Presumptive and Family Planning Presumptive rules have been adopted. Providers interested in becoming presumptive eligibility providers can complete an online training program and sign a memorandum of

understanding with a three year term that will be completed individually with each provider. The contact email is PE.dhhs@maine.gov.

b) Rate System Evaluation Process

- The Rate subcommittee requested a presentation of Phase 1 of the implementation plan.
- The rate subcommittee would like the Department to share with providers the process by which rate studies are conducted.

c.) Rulemaking/Waivers/SPA Packet Review With Jenny Patterson

- Jenny noted there are currently no rules with open comment periods. There are four rules with closed comment periods. Those rules will likely be adopted before the next MAC meeting.
- Kathy Kilrain del Rio will get a survey out to the MAC to collect input on how to value-add to the Rulemaking/Waivers/SPA packet review.

d.) School Based Services Discussion

- Jenny noted that the Department plans to engage with stakeholders regarding the school based services policy. The rulemaking is tied to some bills that are currently in the legislature. Once the Department has clarity on what is happening with those bills we will move to stakeholder engagement.
- DHHS and DOE have two joint trainings coming up on how to bill for services.

g.) Request For New Items

- Jillian requested a future discussion on interpreter services, to include a stakeholder meeting. Michelle noted the Department has just begun having internal conversations about potential options and next steps. There is nothing definitive to report at this time.

h.) Wrap Up

- The agenda for the next meeting will include legislative updates, rate system evaluation implementation process info, and results on the survey regarding how to better understand what MAC members know about the rulemaking process.
 - The next MAC meeting will be held on July 13th at 10:00 a.m.
 - A decision will be made at the July meeting whether or not to hold the August meeting

h.) Items From Guests.

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Weaver