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**Minutes of the
Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
AHCA Conference Room F**

Participants/Invitees

Members Present

Justin Senior
Amy Guinan
Jennifer Lange
Ellen Anderson
Robert Payne, DDS
Stan Whittaker
Secretary Chuck Corley
Richard R. Thacker, DO
Catherine Moffitt, MD
Martha Pierce
Michael Lockwood
Tracie Inman (via phone)

Not Present

Charissia Hill
Iris Wimbush

Welcoming Remarks/Introductions

The Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting began with welcoming remarks by Deputy Secretary for Medicaid, Justin Senior, followed by introductions of meeting attendees.

Dr. Cathy Moffitt requested that the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting be amended to include Michael Lockwood's name as a participating member.

With no further questions or comments by Committee members, a motion was made and seconded for approval of the minutes.

Legislative Update

Mr. Senior provided a brief legislative update, advising that the 2014 Legislative Session will convene on March 4, 2014. The Agency will monitor legislation for any potential impact on the SMMC program.

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Update

Mr. Senior advised that due to implementation of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) program, there will be a change in the way a majority of individuals receive most health care services from Florida Medicaid.

He noted that Long-term Care (LTC) program implementation is from August 2013 – March 2014 and implementation of the Managed Medical Assistance program will be from May 2014 – August 2014.

Long-term Care (LTC) –

Mr. Senior advised that LTC roll-out began in Region 7 in August 2013 and will end in Regions 1, 3 and 4 in March 2014. He further noted that the roll-out is going very smoothly, and recipients are receiving services with no disruption in care. Any minor issues encountered are being identified and addressed through a complaint hub process created to provide expedited resolution of any provider or recipient issues. Mr. Senior added that the Agency continues to be aggressive with recipient and provider outreach. Thus far, Agency staff have made over 9,800 outbound calls to recipients, and conducted over 36 webinars, reaching approximately 5,200 individuals. In addition, provider calls are being held regionally with over 1,505 providers participating.

Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) –

Mr. Senior explained that the Agency selected 14 companies to serve as standard, non-specialty MMA plans. Five companies were selected to provide specialty plans that will serve populations with a distinct diagnosis or chronic condition, tailored to meet the specific needs of the specialty population. He noted that MMA roll-out will begin in Regions 2, 3 and 4 in May 2014, followed by Regions 5, 6 and 8 in June, Regions 10 and 11 in July, and Regions 1, 7 and 9 in August.

Mr. Senior advised that recipients will receive ample notice of changes being made and referred participants to a chart in the handout materials showing a regional breakdown of recipient notification and enrollment dates.

Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) Overview

Mr. Senior provided a brief overview of the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) for new members/visitors in attendance, explaining that the committee was established in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §431.12.

He noted that the committee serves to advise the Agency for Health Care Administration, Division of Medicaid about health and medical care services, and has the opportunity to assist in policy development and program administration. The MCAC also provides recommendations and suggestions to the Agency on the state's comprehensive quality strategy for the Florida Medicaid program, as described in Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) #43 and #118 of the 1115 Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Waiver.

The STCs require that the Medical Care Advisory Committee include representation of at least four beneficiaries at all times. In addition, the STCs require the state to establish smaller advisory committees that will meet on a regular basis (at least quarterly) to focus on the following subpopulations:

- Managed Long-term Care
- HIV/AIDS
- Children, Including Safeguards and Performance Measures Related to Foster Children
- Dental Care for Children
- Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder Services

He advised that these subpopulation committees will focus on the transition of these populations to the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program. They will also present recommendations and suggestions to the state on the state's comprehensive strategy, as set forth in STC 118, and will provide input to the state on the consumer report cards, set forth in STC 115.

The subcommittee structure will include AHCA staff serving as "team lead" for each of the subcommittees, facilitating meetings and taking minutes. MCAC members will be assigned to each subcommittee and will report back to the MCAC on subcommittee discussions, recommendations and concerns. Subcommittee meetings are required quarterly, but may be needed more often.

Mr. Senior then asked participants to move into their respective subcommittees for a brief orientation and initial meeting.

At 3:30 the MCAC reconvened, participants were thanked for their willingness to be part of this important endeavor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

- Tentatively scheduled for April 22, 2014