



Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

3/20/18	Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Location: AHCA Conference Room A	
Committee Members		AHCA Resources	
✓	Amy Guinan Liem	✓	Beth Kidder
✓	Catherine Moffitt, MD	✓	Carla Sims
✓	Cheryl Young	✓	Jessica Turner
	Crystal Stickle		
✓	Madeleine Nobles		
	Jeri Flora Cully		
✓	Robert Payne, DDS		
✓	Stanley Whittaker, MSN		
✓	Richard Thacker, D.O.		
✓	Martha Pierce (via phone)		
✓	Michael Lockwood (via phone)		

Welcome / Member Introductions

Beth Kidder

Medicaid Director, Beth Kidder welcomed attendees to the meeting and roll was called.

New Business

Beth Kidder

1115 Managed Medical Assistance Prepaid Dental Health Program (PDHP)

Ms. Kidder explained that this MCAC meeting will serve as one of two public meetings required for reviewing the 1115 Managed Medical Assistance Prepaid Dental Health Program (PDHP).

She then thoroughly reviewed with attendees the PDHP PowerPoint materials provided and opened the floor for questions and comments.

- Dr. Cathy Moffitt – Has the Agency considered using telehealth as an additional enhancement to this program? Response – Yes, there is no prohibition to using telehealth.
- Dr. Richard Thacker – Can universities, like the University of Florida, be dental service providers? Response – The University of Florida is an evaluation contractor...not a provider.
- Jon Moyle – Where does Florida rank now on the list of states providing the best dental care to children? Response – Florida currently ranks 43rd.
- Amy Liem – Noted that she was glad to see care coordination requirements in the waiver details and asked to what extent Managed Care Programs help with the coordination. Response – Both SMMC and PDHP have care coordination requirements.



Program Updates

Beth Kidder

Beth Kidder provided an update on the programmatic changes that have taken place in the past few months.

She explained that in June of 2017, the Agency began the lengthy process of working to re-procure 11 regional SMMC and PDHP contracts.

Ms. Kidder also discussed the Medicaid Enterprise System, briefly mentioning the SEAS vendor, the system integrator and the Enterprise Service Bus.

She also explained the waiver consolidation that became effective January 1, 2018.

Legislative Updates

Beth Kidder

Ms. Kidder discussed the following updates from the 2018 Legislative Session:

- Nursing Home Prospective Payment System – Effective October 1, 2018
- Nursing Home Supplemental Quality Incentive Payments
- Elimination of Retroactive Eligibility
- Working People with Disabilities (Buy-in Program)
- Preadmission Screening and Resident Review(PASRR) Program
- Florida Medical Schools Quality Network (FMSQN)
- Rate Changes

Opioid Crisis in Florida – DOH Efforts

Cheryl Young

Cheryl Young, with the Department of Health (DOH) provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing the work being done by DOH to address the opioid issue, and shared the numerous initiatives currently being undertaken by DOH and its various partners.

Ms. Young explained that the Governor signed an executive order directing action by each state agency. She also advised that the Florida Surgeon General declared a public health emergency and issued a standing order for naloxone for emergency responders.

Ms. Young further advised that the 2018 Legislature passed opioid specific legislation which was signed into law by the Governor.

Medicaid and the Opioid Crisis

Beth Kidder

Beth Kidder discussed the various services covered by Medicaid to address the opioid crisis including, but not limited to: pain management services, strong controls to prevent substance abuse and addiction, behavioral health treatment services, substance abuse treatment for children and adults. It was also noted that there is flexibility within health plans for the treatment of opioid issues.

She further advised that AHCA will be releasing a series of Provider Alerts identifying actions taken and services available for recipients diagnosed with opioid use disorders. The first such alert was released on February 13, 2018.

In addition, AHCA is working with Federal CMS to pursue a section 1115 waiver to assist with addressing the opioid crisis.



Upon conclusion of the presentation, the floor was opened for questions and comments:

- Stan Whitaker – Asked if passage of opioid legislation will affect dispensing of mental health schedule II and III medications. Response – Beth advised that she did not know the answer, but if available prior to the next meet it would be disseminated.
- Mark Fontaine – Asked if Beth would check on whether the term “addictions receiving facility” on page 11 of her presentation and “residential detoxification” on page 13 were appropriately used. Response – Beth advised she would look into it.
- Dr. Richard Thacker – Is there a maximum benefit for chronic care for detoxification? Response – There is no limit as long as the care is medically necessary.
- Dr. Cathy Moffitt – Wanted to applaud the efforts of DOH and AHCA. She noted that there are often two extremes.....physicians that medicate too freely and those that don’t medicate freely enough. She added that it is best when the doctor and patient communicate to ensure the prescribed medication is appropriate for the pain level.....not too little or too much.
- Dr. Richard Thacker – Noted that the problem goes beyond that of prescribing issues, as there is a great deal of self-medicating and use of street drugs. He then added that he would be remiss if he failed to advise that while not approved by Medicaid, osteopathic therapies are good for pain management.

Next Meeting

Carla Sims

The next Medical Care Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2018.

Adjourn – 4:00PM

Beth Kidder

With no further questions or comments, Beth Kidder thanked all in attendance and adjourned the meeting.

All meeting materials are posted on the MCAC webpage located at:

<http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/mcac/meetings.shtml>