

**Meeting of the Board of Medical Assistance Services and
Public Hearing on the Proposed 1115 Waiver (Virginia COMPASS Demonstration)
600 East Broad Street, Conference Rooms 7A/B
Richmond, Virginia**

**September 25, 2018
Minutes**

Present:

Raziuddin Ali, M.D.
Michael H. Cook, Esq.
Patricia T. Cook, M.D.
Alexis Y. Edwards
Maureen Hollowell
Peter R. Kongstvedt, M.D.
Vice Chair
Karen S. Rheuban, M.D.
Chair
Wilma T. Seymour
Kannan Srinivasan

DMAS Staff:

Karen Kimsey, Chief Deputy Director
Brian McCormick, Acting Deputy Director for Administration
Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director for Programs
Tammy Driscoll, DMAS Senior Program Advisor
Abrar Azamuddin, Legal Counsel
Craig Markva, Manager, Office of Communications,
Legislation & Administration
Brooke Barlow, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications, Legislation & Administration
Mamie White, Public Relations Specialist, Office of
Communications, Legislation & Administration

Absent:

Cara L. Coleman, JD, MPH
Rebecca E. Gwilt, Esq.

Speakers:

Jennifer S. Lee, M.D., Director
Ellen Montz, Ph.D., Chief Health Economist
Kristin Dahlstrand, Health Plan Program Analyst
Joanna Fowler, DMAS Senior Policy Advisor

Guests:

See Sign Up Sheets (attached)

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Karen S. Rheuban called the Board meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Dr. Rheuban noted this is the first Board meeting ever associated with a public hearing. Other members and DMAS staff were asked to introduce themselves and Dr. Rheuban recognized the attendance of new Board Member Doctor Raziuddin Ali.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 26, 2018 MEETING

Dr. Rheuban asked that the Board review and approve the Minutes from the June 26, 2018 meeting. Dr. Ali made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Cook seconded. The vote was 8-yes (Ali, M. Cook, P. Cook, Hollowell, Kongstvedt, Rheuban, Seymour and Srinivasan); and 0-no.

REPORT ON REMOTE AREA MEDICAL (RAM) CLINIC

Kristin Dahlstand, Health Plan Program Analyst, provided an overview of the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic held in Wise on July 20-22, 2018. This RAM event created access to medical examinations, dental care and vision correction for over 1,300 uninsured people. Ms. Dahlstand explained what RAM is and shared a short video to give a recap of what this experience was like for those attending.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON MEDICAID EXPANSION

DMAS Director Dr. Jennifer Lee announced the appointment of several new staff: Office of Data Analytics, Jacob Wieties; Director of Integrated Care, Jason Rachel; Behavioral Health Clinical Director, Dr. Alyssa Ward; Director of Internal Audit, Susan Smith, Deputy Director for Complex Care Services, Tammy Whitlock; and coming on board soon, Rachel Pryor, Deputy Director for Administration. Dr. Lee also thanked Brian McCormick for serving as Acting Deputy Director for Administration.

Dr. Lee shared the updated DMAS mission statement and core values developed through a collaborative and agency-wide effort.

Then Dr. Lee explained the steps necessary to implement Medicaid expansion as outlined in the budget and the process to develop and seek approval for an 1115 Waiver while awaiting CMS approval of State Plan Amendments. She highlighted several initiatives being worked on and advised the best place to go to stay updated on expansion activities is to “coverva.org” (see attached handout).

Dr. Rheuban noted the entrance of Board Member Alexis Edwards.

OVERVIEW OF THE VIRGINIA COMPASS DEMONSTRATION

Ellen Montz, Ph.D., Chief Health Economist, provided an overview of the 1115 Waiver (known as the Virginia COMPASS Demonstration) extension application that is out for public comment. Dr. Montz stated the slides, full public notice, full application, and waiver extension application will be available on the DMAS website at dmas@virginia.gov (see attached handout).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Rheuban explained the public comment process, stated speakers would be called to the podium in chronological order and allowed two minutes to speak. Dr. Rheuban introduced the

moderator for the public comment period, Joanna Fowler, Senior Policy Assistant. The following individuals commented:

Rhonda Thissen, NAMI Virginia

David DeBiasi, AARP

Dora Muhammad, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

Jill Hanken, Virginia Poverty Law Center

Rebecca Bowers Lanier, B2L Consulting

Ashley Kenneth, National MS Society

Beth O'Connor, Virginia Rural Health Association

After considering the public's ideas and comments about the proposed changes, DMAS will make final decisions about what changes to make to the Virginia COMPASS Waiver and then submit a revised application to CMS. The summary of comments, as well as copies of all written comments received, will be posted for public viewing on the DMAS website along with the waiver extension application when it is submitted to CMS.

All information regarding the Virginia COMPASS Waiver application can be found on this web page. DMAS will update this website throughout the public comment and application process.

For more information about Virginia's current 1115 Demonstration, which the Commonwealth is seeking to extend, please visit the CMS website at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/va/va-gov-access-plan-gap-ca.pdf>.

REGULATORY ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The Regulatory Activity Summary is included in the Members' books to review at their convenience (see attached).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Srivivasan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Dr. Kongstvedt seconded. The vote was 9-yes (**Ali, M. Cook, P. Cook, Edwards, Hollowell, Kongstvedt, Rheuban, Seymour and Srinivasan**); and 0-no.