

FINAL BMAS BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday June 09, 2021

10:00 AM

Present: Greg Peters Dr, Peter R Kongstvedt MD, Kannan Srinivasan, Maureen S Hollowell, Michael H. Cook Esq., Patricia T Cook MD, Raziuddin Ali MD, Elizabeth Coulter, Ashley Gray, Elizabeth Noriega

Absent: Alexis Edwards

DMAS Staff Present:

Davis Creef, Office of the Attorney General

Karen Kimsey, Director

Ellen Montz, Chief Deputy

Ivory Banks, Chief of Staff

Tammy Whitlock, Deputy Director of Complex Care

Chris Gordon, CFO

Sarah Hatton, Deputy Director of Administration

Cheryl Roberts, Deputy Director of Programs

Brian McCormick, LIA Division Director

Jessica Annecchini

Zach Hairston

Christina Nuckols

Valkyrie Moriconi

Craig Markva, Division Director, Office of Communication, Legislation & Administration

Brooke Barlow, Board Liaison

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order @ 10:02 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.A Approval of March 10, 2021 BMAS Minutes

Approval of the March minutes was postponed to the September 8, 2021 meeting to give the member's sufficient time to review.

3. Director's Report

Director Karen Kimsey presented on updates on enrollment, COVID-19 Vaccine, Project Cardinal and Operation Homecoming.

Enrollment: Since the State of Emergency was declared, Medicaid has gained 305,102 new members. 162,252 are in Medicaid Expansion and 92,460 are children.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Vaccination Efforts continue with events such as the Flying Squirrels game on Sunday, June 13, 2021. This event is promotes attendees to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine. The following YouTube link was provided for further Vaccination Efforts information.

Project Cardinal: We are in the Implementation and Planning phase. A contract will be finalized and signed this week with a contractor who will:

- Provide project management and strategic guidance
- Incorporate federal regulations/guidance
- Leverage federal flexibilities and national best practices
- Facilitate stakeholder design sessions
- Drive the Commonwealth's priorities to improve access, quality, and efficiency
- Strengthen organizational infrastructure for improved monitoring, oversight, and transparency

Operation Homecoming: As Operation Homecoming approaches the focus is staying on health, safety, flexibility, productivity, and teamwork.

4. Bylaws

4.A Presentation of Current Bylaws and Introduction of any additions

Davis Creef advised that amendments can only be revised during regular meetings. Amendments would be discussed during one regular meeting and voted on during the following meeting.

There are currently in the code flexibilities that allow Board members to participate electronically under certain circumstances. There are currently two ways to do that, temporary or permanent disability or medical condition that prevents them from participating physically or if they have a personal matter. The new provision that the General Assembly passed and Governor has signed and goes into effect July 1, 2021, would allow a member to participate electronically if they have a family member with a medical condition that requires a Board member to provide care for that person. The Board would have to adopt a policy to implement that flexibility. There are some requirements, still have to have a physical quorum present, if someone takes advantage of this, it has to be reflected in the minutes where they are participating from (not open to the public) and there is an approval process, such as giving the chair notice and those present at the physical meeting would vote if that member would be able to participate electronically. The earliest the Board could vote on this is at the December meeting. Ashley Gray notified the Board that there is a potential she will not be able to attend the September meeting in person.

Michael Cook asked for a vote to adopt the current ByLaws.

Members voted to adopt the current ByLaws.

Motion: 10-0

Voting For: Greg Peters Dr, Peter R Kongstvedt MD, Kannan Srinivasan, Maureen S Hollowell, Michael H. Cook Esq., Patricia T Cook MD, Raziuddin Ali MD, Elizabeth Coulter, Elizabeth Noriega, Ashley Gray Voting Against: None

Discussion to amend Section 5.4 of the current ByLaws to reflect updated Committees.

5.4 Department Committees - In addition to participation in Department workgroups or committees pursuant to Section 5.3, Board members are encouraged to attend meetings of any committee of the Department with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Dental Advisory Committee, the Drug Utilization Review Board, the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Outreach Oversight Committee, the Managed Care Advisory Committee, the Medicaid Hospital Payment Policy Advisory Council, the Medicaid Physician Advisory Committee, the Medicaid Transportation Advisory Committee, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, and the Pharmacy Liaison Committee. DMAS

staff shall provide information regarding meeting schedules to the Board to facilitate member attendance and involvement.

Board member, Peter Kongstvedt suggested that the committee names will change in the future and should be removed. The Bylaws should simply state that Board members shall be allowed to attend committee meetings and should committee's names be changed or new committee's created, the Director shall notify the Board. Davis Creef advised this was feasible and all Board members agreed. An amendment will be drafted for the September 8, 2021 meeting.

5. Vaccinations

Data as of 5/25/2021 shows significant growth in Medicaid Member Vaccinations.

(<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine-summary>) VDH partnered with DMAS in executing specialized strategies to vaccinate DMAS' Medically Fragile and Homebound Populations.

- Vaccination rate in DMAS Homebound population increased from 4% to 53% since April
- Vaccination rate in DMAS Waiver Population now matches rate of Virginia's general population
- Virginia began vaccinating 12-15 year olds on May 12th. To date, 6% have received at least one dose

I/DD Waiver 69%

CCC Plus Waiver 50%

Homebound 53%

Total Population >16 years 34%

As Virginia transitioned into Phase 2, DMAS developed tailored communication strategies to ensure equitable access for all members.

- Managed Care, FFS, and Medicaid News Subscribers Messaging Campaign launched utilizing targeted texts, emails, direct mailings, and/or social media platforms

Rite Aid Pharmacies and Norfolk/Virginia Beach Health Departments partnered with DMAS to hold vaccination clinics in Richmond and Norfolk in April and May.

- Virginia Premier and Optima hosted a 2 day clinic in Richmond for their members and employees.
- Disability Advocacy Service provider, Endependence Center, Inc., hosted clinics in Norfolk for their clients, attendants, and other Medicaid members. Over 200 total 1st and 2nd doses given

MCOs continue to track and report on weekly outreach activities for all members over 12 years old.

6. Dental Update

The effective date for adult dental services is July 1, 2021. This will benefit approximately 750,000 adult members. The comprehensive benefits are based on a preventative, and restorative model. The strategy is to work with key partners to assist with design, delivery of new services, and recruitment.

Implementation steps include

- Federal approval – in process
- Design benefit package – complete
- Provider recruitment – ongoing
- System changes – complete
- Vendor contract changes – complete
- Member & Provider education – ongoing
- Stakeholder Engagement – ongoing
- Hiring a Dental Program Lead – Ongoing

Adult SFC Dental Services 2021- Benefit Design Overview Process

- Design Framework
 - Patient Comfort
 - Focus of overall oral health
 - Preventive and Education Restorative Model of Care
- Stakeholder Engagement
 - Added new members to DAC per budget language
 - Created and engaged an Adult Dental Committee with community providers: FQHC dentists, an ID?DD provider, DAC Members and the former VDA President
- Benefit Development
 - Focus on prevention, keeping disease-free, then restore
 - First 18-24 month period focuses on procedures that promote healthy gum tissue and supporting structures

Mantra for Adult Dental

- Prevention and Education
 - Strong periodontal goals
 - Up to 3 cleanings / year / medical necessity
- Build around what is salvageable
 - Restorations that support longevity
 - Extractions when needed for long term success
- Periodontal Maintenance
 - Gingival Health, Gingivectomy, Scaling/ Root Planing
 - Prosthetics (Dentures, Partials with time)

Countdown Updates

- Member, Provider and Stakeholder Engagement/Communications
 - Governor Northam signed provider recruitment letter and Virginia Dental Association sent to its 3900 members
 - Virginia Health Catalyst engaging members, providers, and stakeholders
 - DentaQuest
 - Provider and Member Communications
 - Network Development
 - DentaQuest Member Communications
 - DMAS – communication team
- Contractor/ Program Readiness
 - Currently working with a vendor to conduct an independent review to measure the readiness of DentaQuest in the following areas: Systems and Claims Payment Capability, Member/Provider Services and Networks

Challenges

- Network Adequacy

- Recruitment efforts
- Specialists
- Targeted populations
- DentaQuest provides weekly reports and updates
- Contracted Pat Finnerty to assist
- Meeting with regional groups
- Rates
 - Last rate increase was in 2005
 - Noted in DQ survey, by VDA, and Catalyst as a barrier

7. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)

In accordance with Section 9811 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, DMAS will be making changes to the State Plan in order to cover COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine administration fees for the limited benefit program called Plan First. The costs of both the vaccine and the vaccine administration fee will be covered by the federal government. This project is currently circulating for internal review.

8. New Business/Old Business

9. Adjournment

Moved by Kannan Srinivasan; seconded by Greg Peters to Adjourn @
11:59 a.m.

Motion : 10 - 0

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