

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



D.C. MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)

Location: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: [Pending Update]

GUESTS: [Pending Update]

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. LeVota, MCAC Chair.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for the April 28, 2021 MCAC were approved without objection.

III. Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director Report

a. DC Practice Transformation Collaborative Update

Melisa Byrd, DHCF Medicaid Director, presented information as follow-up to the June 2, 2021 DHCF Budget Presentation to the MCAC. Dr. Erin Holve, DHCF HCRIA Director, provided information on the DC Practice Transformation Collaborative Budget Enhancement. The purpose of the DC Practice Transformation Collaborative will establish a permanent resource to support healthcare providers in delivering whole-person care across the care continuum, using population health analytics to address complex medical, behavioral health, and social needs, and transitioning to value-based purchasing. Dr. Holve described three main components funded by the budget enhancement (*The presentation is available on DHCF's Website on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the June 23 2021 MCAC Meeting Agenda and Materials link.*)

b. Medicaid Disability Eligibility Buy-In

Melisa Byrd presented information on the Medicaid Disability Eligibility Buy-In. Ms. Byrd provided historical context on how other states have used the eligibility option to allow disabled individuals to sustain medical coverage. Ms. Byrd presented information on the factors and options under consideration by DHCF as it approaches policy development. (*The presentation is available on DHCF's Website on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the June 23 2021 MCAC Meeting Agenda and Materials link.*)

c. Neurobehavioral Health Enhancement

Dr. Riley, DHCF Medical Director, presented on the Neurobehavioral Health Enhancement. Dr. Riley provided information on the purpose of the enhancement (to permit Medicaid to cover a comprehensive suite of services and providers to address brain health screening and treatment needs) and the steps DHCF would take in the near and long term to implement a broader array of services. (*The presentation is available on DHCF's Website on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the June 23 2021 MCAC Meeting Agenda and Materials link.*)

d. Enrollment Snapshot

April Grady, Associate Director, Division of Analytics and Policy Research, provided an update on enrollment. (*Enrollment reports are available on the DHCF Website on the MCAC webpage.*)

IV. Subcommittee Reports

a. Long Term Services and Supports

[Pending Update]

b. Eligibility & Enrollment

[Pending Update]

c. Access

[Pending Update]

d. Health Care Re-Design

Tamara Smith provided the update and presented a recommendation to the full MCAC to adopt the findings of the [District of Columbia Substance Use Disorder Community Need and Service Capacity Assessment](#). The findings were adopted by the full MCAC and a recommendation was made to DHCF.

V. New Business

Eugene Simms, Special Assistant, Office of the Director, DHCF Medical Director, reported on Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Simms presented a summary of the enhanced funding opportunity for home and community-based services (HCBS). Mr. Simms presented on the guiding principles DHCF considered as it developed potential ARPA activities and summarized the District's public engagement efforts to date. Mr. Simms highlighted areas on interest that stakeholders had identified to date and welcomed discussion from MCAC members on potential initiatives. [Pending Update on MCAC Member comments]. Mr. Simms closed with a summary of the District's next steps in developing its ARPA plan for submission to CMS. (*The presentation is available on DHCF's Website on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the June 23 2021 MCAC Meeting Agenda and Materials link.*)

Mark LeVota, MCAC Chair, presided over elections of the next MCAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Nominations remained open, but no nominations were received from the floor for the MCAC Chair or Vice Chairperson. Tamara Smith was the sole member nominated for the MCAC Chair. Ms. Smith was selected to serve as MCAC Chair. Justin Palmer was the sole member nominated for the Vice Chair. Mr. Palmer was selected to service as the Vice Chair.

VI. Opportunity for Public Comment

[Pending Update]

VII. Announcements

[Pending Update]

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. LeVota adjourned the meeting.