

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



D.C. MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MCAC)

Location: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS:

Guy Durant
Alexander Finch,
Sharra Greer, Children's Law Center
Robert Hay Jr., MSDC
Suzanne Jackson, Health Rights Law Clinic
Mark LeVota, DC Behavioral Health Assoc.
Marie Morilus-Black, MBI Health Services
Chioma Oruh, Chi Bornfree
Justin Palmer, DC Hospital Association
Ian Pargol, Coalition of Disability Service Providers
Eric Scharf, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Veronica Sharpe, DCHCA
Tamara Smith, DCPA
Joe Weissfeld, Families USA
Amy Maisterra, DCPS
Barbara Bazron, DBH
Kirk Dobson, DDS
Marsha Lillie-Blanton, DBH
Melisa Byrd, DHCF

GUESTS:

Ahna Millat, CareFirst
Alice Weiss, DHCF
Amanda Forsythe, DHCF
Amelia Whitman, DHCF
Anna Dunn, HSCSN
April Grady, DHCF
Awonti Etoo
Bill Hanna, DHCF
Brion Elliot, DHCF
Carl Chapman, AmeriHealth
Cavella Bishop, DHCF
Charlene Fairfax, DHCF
Cindy Snyder
Claudia Schlosberg, Castle Hill Consulting
Cleveland Woods, MedStar
Danielle Gentry, Unity Health Care
DaShawn Groves, DHCF
De Coleman, DHCF

GUESTS CONTINUED

Debbie Vishnevsky, DHCF
DeJa Love, DHCF
Deniz Soyer, DHCF
Diana DeFelipe, CareFirst
Dorinda White, DHCF
Eduara Koch, DHCF
Erin Holve, DHCF
Elizabeth Garrison, DHCF
Eugene Simms, DHF
Felecia Stovall, DHCF
Ieisha Gray, DHCF
Jennifer Ragins
Joseph Cullinan, Community Connections
Joyce Speaks, DHS
Judith Levy, DC Coalition on Long Term Care
Julie Kozminski, Unity Health Care
Katherine Rogers, DHCF
Kerda DeHaan, DHCF
Kim Bussie, NFPHC
Lauren Jones, DHCF
Lauren Ratner, DC Health
Lawrence Williams, DHCF
Leslie Lyles Smith, MedStar
Leyla Sarigol, DHCF
Linda Elam, AmeriGroup
Lisa Proctor
Lisa Truitt, DHCF
Lorena Ortiz, DHCF
Louis Spence-Smith, DHCF
Lucy Ohiosikha, DHCF
Maria Alva, Georgetown University
Marlaina Bowens, DHCF
Mark Miller, AAPR
Mary Devasia, DHCF
Mary Ann Parker, AARP
Michelle Zancan
Michele Swinson
Monique Willard, DHCF
Natasha Lewis, DHCF

Nathaniel Curry, DHCF
Nikhil Holla, CareFirst
Pam Riley, DHCF
Patricia Quinn, DCPCA
Paula Pitman-Kupresak
Pooja Regmi
Rita Torkzadeh, DHCF
Sahar Takshi, AARP
Sarah Stenger
Sharon Henry, MedStar

Sharon Lewis, DC Health
Sherri Giorgio, Gilad
Stephanie Taylor, HSCSN
Taylor Woods, DHCF
Tippi Hampton, DHCF
Tola Obasanya
Travis Auth, DHCF
Veronica Mayo

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Mr. LeVota, MCAC Chair.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Palmer moved and Ms. Smith seconded approval of the September 23, 2020 minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.

III. Welcome and Introduction

Mr. LeVota welcomed new MCAC members, Alexander Finch, Marie Morilus-Black, and Chioma Oruh. Mr. LeVota also welcomed back returning MCAC members Veronica Sharpe, Tamara Smith, and Ian Paregol (1-year term to fill vacancy). New members provided a brief background and shared about their interest in serving on MCAC.

Mr. LeVota invited new members to join the MCAC subcommittees and emphasized that subcommittees are where focused work is completed. He asked that all members to participate on at least one subcommittee.

IV. Senior Deputy Director/Medicaid Director Report

a. Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

Don Shearer, Director, Health Care Operations Administration, presented on electronic visit verification (EVV). (*The presentation is available on DHCF's Website on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the Oct. 28 Meeting Materials link.*)

b. Managed Care Transition

Melisa Byrd, Medicaid Director, presented on the transition to managed care. (*For full details of the presentation, please visit DHCF's Website and click on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the Oct. 28 Meeting Materials link.*)

c. Behavioral Health Update

Amelia Whitman, Deputy Chief of Staff, presented on Behavioral Health integration. Erin Holve, Director, Health Care Reform and Innovation Administration, presented on the Behavioral Health Request for Information. Alice Weiss, Director, Health Care Policy and Research Administration presented on 1115 Behavioral Health Transformation Waiver. (*For full details of the presentation, please visit DHCF's Website and click on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the Oct. 28 Meeting Materials link.*)

Mr. LeVota noted that the timeline is quite short until October 1, 2021 and it's probably impossible to understate just how transformational these behavioral health projects could be. He

asked for an update on stakeholder engagement and the timeline for undertaking that engagement in preparation for that planned transition date. Ms. Byrd shared that some engagement has started by DHCF joining the weekly DBH provider calls and the request for information. Dr. Bazron added that she and Ms. Byrd are committed to stakeholder engagement and plan more extensive engagement in the future.

Mr. Scharf shared that the Capital Clubhouse is very appreciative of the efforts made by DHCF to allow telemedicine for clubhouse services.

d. Long Term Care Update

Ieisha Gray, Director, Long Term Care Administration presented on EPD waiver, PACE and Dual Choice (D-SNP).

(For full details of the presentation, please visit DHCF's Website and click on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the Oct. 28 Meeting Materials link.)

Ms. Jackson asked Why are waiver and state plan PCA services being "delinked," and who will be affected by this, and what will happen to the affected individuals. Ms. Gray shared the individuals receiving waiver services and more than 16 hours of PCA, will be made at the next assessment after the public health emergency ends. LTCA has been working with providers for about 18 months to prepare for this change. PCA has been the most utilized service often exclusively. LTCA has been having care planning discussions with providers to be prepared to offer other waiver services such as homemaker or chore aide services to impacted individuals.

Ms. Oruh asked if there are other ways for individuals to know what services are available other than talking to their provider. All information about long term services and supports can be found on the DHCF website via the following link: <https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/long-term-care-administration>

e. Enrollment Snapshot

April Grady, Associate Director, Health Care Reform and Innovation Administration provided an update on enrollment. *(Enrollment reports are available on the DHCF Website on the MCAC webpage.)*

V. Subcommittee Reports

a. Long Term Services and Supports

No report.

b. Eligibility & Enrollment

Eric Scharf provided the report. The next meeting is November 18. Next meeting will look at enrollment trends.

c. Access

Robert Hay provided the report. The next meeting is November 4. The meeting will focus on perinatal health. The committee will also review previous meeting that focused on technology.

d. Health Care Re-Design

Tamara Smith provided the report. The subcommittee met on December 2. The October meeting covered several issues including the results of the Health System Re-Design survey. The survey will help guide the subcommittee's discussions and topic this year. The top topics included

behavioral health, care management, and the Mayor’s Commission on Healthcare Transformation.

(For full details of the presentation from the Health Care Re-Design subcommittee, please visit DHCF’s Website and click on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the Oct. 28 Meeting Materials link.)

VI. New Business

a. Skilled Nursing Facility Closure at United Medical Center

Mark Miller, Long Term Care Ombudsman, presented about the Ombudsman’s program and talk about some of the issues they are hearing. Since UMC closed to be available for a pandemic surge space about 80 individuals moved to other facilities. About half remained in the DC and the other half were in MD. The Office has been working to make sure all residents have a choice on the location and facility to receive care. A concern is the number of facilities that are closing in DC resulting in choice for people to stay in the District to receive care.

Ms. Schlosberg shared that Livingston Place is on track to open April 1, 2021 and will bring 155 new Assisted Living Units to Ward 8.

Ms. Sharpe shared that she is concerned with the loss of nursing home beds in the District. In her 17 years the District has lost 734 beds. She recommends the District commission a study to determine the number of beds that will be needed in the future. Ms. Schlosberg added that the District must also look at the workforce development to support these services in the District.

(For full details of the presentation from the, please visit DHCF’s Website and click on the MCAC webpage. The presentation is located under the Oct. 28 Meeting Materials link.)

b. Election of Chair – Long Term Services & Supports Subcommittee

No nominations were received. Veronica Sharpe has agreed to act as interim chair.

VII. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments.

VIII. Announcements

No announcements.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. LeVota adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.