

**Summary of Medical Services Fund Advisory Council Meeting
January 9, 2009 - 1:30 p.m.
Kanawha Valley Senior Services**

Members Present:

Gerry Stover, Alternate, Physician Representative
Mike Robbins, Member, Hospital Representative
John Russell, Member, MH/BH Representative
Scott McClanahan, Member, Aging Program Representative
Charles Young, Ex-Officio, Bureau for Children and Families
Charles Covert, Member, Hospital Representative
Michael KilKenny, M.D., Member, Physician Representative
Joyce Spiroff, Alternate, Public Health Representative
Larry Robertson, Member, Hospice Representative
Richard Stevens, Alternate, Dental Representative
Mark B. Ayoubi, MD, Physician Representative
Lee Allen, representing Charles Smith, Dental Representative
Ralph Daniel Adkins, Member, Consumer Representative
Linda Miniak, Alternate, Consumer Representative

Bureau for Medical Services or DHHR Staff Present:

Shelley Baston, Deputy Commissioner, BMS
Nora Antlake, Attorney, BMS
Tina Bailes, Chief Financial Officer, BMS
Shannon Landrum, Legislative Liaison, Bureau for Medical Services
Frances Secoy, Recording Secretary

Unisys / WVMI Staff/ Unicare/The Health Plan:

Christy Thomas, Unisys

Interested Parties:

Victoria Barnett, WV Hospital Association
Mark Hollinden, Abbott Laboratories
Benita Whitman, Interested Party
Dr. Byron Black, Mountain State Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
Phillip Reale, Representing Oral Surgeons
Leslie McCallister, Representing Oral Surgeons
Barbara Good, West Virginia State Medical Association (WVSMA)
Carla B. Cleek, Division of Rehab
John Marks, WVMI
Eric Eyre, Charleston Gazette

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Shelley Baston welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the meeting over to new Chairperson, Mike Robbins.

II. Public Comment Period

Perry Bryant addressed the group and announced that the West Virginians for Affordable Healthcare and Families USA will release a report Monday, January 12, 2009 at 12 p.m., in the Governor's Press Conference Room. The report will outline the impact of expanding Medicaid to cover parents up to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The report will show the number of parents impacted, the cost to the State, and also show substantial economic development as a result of the creation of hundreds of new jobs. Mr. Bryant invited the MSFAC to attend. The goal is a policy to expand coverage using Federal funds to insure access to low-income West Virginians.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Mark Ayoubi and seconded by Charlie Young to approve the October 10, 2008 minutes as presented.

IV. Unisys Update

Christy Thomas briefly reported two updates for 2008. Unisys successfully met their contractual obligation for their call centers concerning hold time. Unisys also completed the implementation of the NPI. In response to Mr. Robbins question concerning the status of other states, Ms. Thomas reported that West Virginia is within the top ten percent.

V. Financial Report

Tina Bailes reported on that with a comparison of quarters from September 2007 with September 2008 we were approximately 10% over last year's expenditures; however there were several carry over expenditures from last fiscal year that were related to the NPI changes. Ms. Bailes also reported payments carried over for the enhanced payment pool. With these items backed out, we were online with projected estimates.

VI. State Plan Amendment Update

Nora Antlake spoke on the changes to the reimbursement methodology for dental services. The goal was to remove outdated language to allow more flexibility when looking at dental codes and dental rates. For the areas of behavioral health on the dental page of the State Plan, Dr. Ayoubi questioned the terminology of "prior authorization" under Section 6d (Page 2a). Ms. Antlake will refer back to the manual for clarification. Mr. Robbins questions the removal of medical and surgical services, covered under Section 10. Ms. Antlake advised that the program component, located in

Section 3, was not changed and that the services are covered under dental. Dental representatives agreed that the language is indeed outdated and should be removed. For new 2009 codes, Ms. Bailes advised that the updates in fees are currently incomplete, and that claims with a date of service of January 1, 2009 will “pend” and expect to be processed within 21-28 days. Ms. Thomas reported that there were approximately fifty (50) claims pending at this time. Dr. Ayoubi made a motion to accept the amendments and seconded by Charlie Young, with suitable language changes to the prior authorization section for behavioral health services.

VII. Medicare Part D

Peggy King advised the group that because of the lack of access to Medicare data a report is not possible at this time.

Other Issues:

Mike Robbins asked for a report on the growth and enrollment of the Medicaid program over the last three years to be added to the agenda, with discussion on the expansion of the program.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Medical Services Fund Advisory Council will be held on Friday, April 10, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., at Kanawha Valley Senior Services.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Frances Secoy
Bureau for Medical Service