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**MAINECARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**PRESENT**

Tom Leet  
Sarah Grant  
Molly Slotznick  
Esther Bullard  
Kathy Adams  
Judy Bowen  
Lydia Dawson  
Leo Delicata  
Gia Drew  
Al Durgin  
Pat Ende  
Michael Hallandbaeh  
Kalie Hess  
Jillian Jolicoeur  
Kathy Kilrain del Rio  
Allison Lowell  
Vicki McCarty  
Denise Osgood  
Chris Pezzullo  
Melanie Roger  
Judy Seals  
Mary Schneckenburger  
Karen Shablin  
Jeff Tiner  
Susan White  
Gwen Williams  
David Winslow  
Dee Sabattus  
Lisa Weaver

**ON THE PHONE**

Michelle Barrows  
Heidi Bechard  
Candy Henderlee  
Jim Martin  
Judy Seals  
Malory Shaughnessy  
Andy Taranko

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of plan for MAC membership**

During the September meeting, a vote will be taken to elect a Chair and a Vice Chair. Seats will be appointed for MAC membership. Sub-committees will be developed.

Also at the September meeting, the MAC will discuss how the group should function.

Kathy Kilrain del Rio and Sarah Grant will touch base to develop a plan for recruiting MaineCare members for MAC membership.

The suggestion was made that the Department reach out to the national association of MACs to get feedback on how things are done in other states MACs.

### **Discussion of how the MAC might support legislative initiatives, and establishing group priorities**

The MAC advises that MaineCare discuss bills as they are being drafted with the MAC to allow the MAC to make recommendations to MaineCare.

The request was made that the Department share legislation it is considering proposing in advance.

The suggestion was made to develop a legislative sub-committee of the MAC. Kathy Kilrain del Rio will be interim chair of the legislative sub group.

Tom also suggested it might be helpful to invite legislative representatives to speak about how the legislative process works and what the best way to communicate with them and/or get legislation in front of them is.

### **Electronic Visit Verification (“EVV”) and the good faith effort exemption request**

Lydia Dawson presented an overview of barriers to EVV implementation. There is a major concern surrounding the use of third-party software. Although Sandata is available to everyone, many providers are not able to use the solution. To satisfy State of Maine requirements, they must supply additional information the Sandata software does not collect. Also, the Sandata solution is not working well in rural areas that have spotty or no internet access. The Sandata software offers a Spanish option, but not a French option. Language barriers are a significant issue, as is the fact that older caregivers don't understand the technology.

The concern was raised regarding how members will deal with EVV use. To date, Sandata has not supplied a list of approved third-party vendors. The MAC would like to know if there are any third-party vendors that are approved currently.

It was noted that Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arizona, and Connecticut are all having issues with Sandata

The MAC is asking that State requests a good faith exemption allowing providers another year to work out the kinks. A good faith request would need to be submitted no later than November.

The MAC is requesting that the State eliminate planned punitive measures and request a good faith exemption sooner rather than later. With a quorum in place, the MAC held a vote that resulted in a decision to ask the State to remove the pend dates currently set for August and October. A second vote was held that resulted in a decision to ask the State to request a good faith exemption as soon as possible.

Leo Delicata noted that an EVV sub-committee could partner with providers and work with the State in coming up with a solution that would cut costs and improve communications.

The concern was raised about the manner in which EIM and Alpha One are dealing with communications with consumers around EVV.

### **Proposed Language for Chapter I (MAC)**

Tom presented the draft of Chapter 1 with the new MAC language. The suggestion was made to replace instances of she/he with they, as Maine recognizes non-binary people.

## **AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Election of MAC Chair and Vice-chair.

High level overview of how the MAC meetings will go moving forward.

Proposed language to Chapter I, Section 1 with an emphasis on removing the requirement for the MAC Chair to serve on all subcommittees, as well as the removal of the Labor Day language.

Discussion surrounding how the MAC might support legislative initiatives.

Estate recovery discussion.

Update on EVV.

Brief Rule Status update.

## **ADJOURNMENT**