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MAINECARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 7th, 2019

PRESENT

Kathy Adams
Esther Bullard
Leo Delicata
Cathy Dionne
Gia Drew
Al Durgin
Rachel Dyer
Mark Eves
Suzanne Farley
Rachel Fotter
Sarah Grant
Diane Johnson
Jillian Jolicoeur
Marge Kilkelly
Kathy Kilrain Del Rio
Peter Kraut
Tom Leet
Vickie McCarty
Kristin Merrill
David Pied
Mary Schneckenburger
Judy Seals
Molly Slotznick
Susan White
David Winslow

ON THE PHONE

Jill Adams
Elizabeth Cameron
Sarah Lewis
Jim Martin
Michelle Probert
Atlee Reilly

NEW BUSINESS

Welcome and Introductions

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio, MaineCare Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed the assembly and opened the floor for introductions. A motion was made to formulate a plan for handling MAC meeting rescheduling in the event of cancellations due to winter storms. The committee opted to reserve a 2 hour block of time for the next Tuesday following the regularly scheduled MAC meeting, dependent on conference room availability. Storm dates are February 11th and March 17th.

Update on the IMD 1115 Waiver

Olivia Alford presented an update on the IMD 1115 Waiver.

Value Based Purchasing Overview

Olivia Alford presented an overview of the Value Based Purchasing Program.

Rate Setting Unit Update

Peter Krause presented an update from the Rate Setting Unit.

Jillian Jolicoeur noted there are groups of providers in such financial difficulty that they could have to close their doors in 2020 if action is not taken on the rates and asked what the plan is on that. Peter asked if the report from the workgroup has been transmitted to the Legislature. Jillian responded that it has not yet. Peter replied that he would like a copy of the report, once it's official, to discuss with senior management.

Peter's e-mail is Peter.J.Kraut@maine.gov

OFI Presentation

Esther Bullard addressed some OFI related questions that arose from the Provider Communications and Access Subgroup.

Leo Delicata asked how long it takes to get a decision when the Marketplace sends an application through to OFI. Esther noted she's not sure about that specific population of apps. Right now, it looks like it's taking about 30 days for any application that comes to OFI to be turned around.

Cathy Dionne asked about the processing time for Katie Beckett applications. Esther noted that the Katie Beckett applicants work with the Long Term Care team and the process is more complex.

Update from Molly Slotznick

Molly announced that a new director of Policy, Lora Marchand, is joining MaineCare Services on January 21st.

Rule Status Update

Kristin Merrill presented the Rule Status update. She noted that Section 2, Adult Family Care Homes, as well as the State-funded Abortion rule have been adopted.

Subgroup Updates

The subgroups who met in the past month presented updates of their work in progress. Jillian Jolicoeur noted that the Rate Setting sub-group drafted several questions around the rate setting process and those questions were answered by Peter Kraut's presentation at today's MaineCare Advisory Committee meeting.

Jillian provided feedback from the Provider Access sub-group. Jillian noted that Esther Bullard's presentation answered about half of the sub-group's questions. Jillian outlined the sub-group's recommendations for enrollment and provider relations.

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio asked the sub-group chairs to send the notes from their meetings to her.

WRAP UP

The floor was opened to guests. There were no additional comments or questions from guests either on the phone or present in the room.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Rule status update

Subgroup updates

Explanation of the formal procurement process for RFP's (rate setting)

ADJOURNMENT

