**MAINECARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

**Present:**

Tom Leet

Esther Bullard

Lea Studholme

Mary Schneckenburger

Al Durgin

Rachel Dyer

Suzanne Farley

Natalie Childs

Allison Lowell

Jillian Jolicoeur

Betsy Mahoney

Kane Loukas

Jeff Tiner

Kathy Adams

Mark Eves

Cathy Dionne

David Winslow

Melanie Roger

Kathy Kilrain del Rio

Malory Shaughnessy

Judy Seals

Lydia Dawson

Susan White

Karen Shablin

Lisa Weaver

**On the phone:**

Denise Osgood

Leo Delicata

Julie Brennan

Vicki McCarty

New Business

**Discussion of MAC Membership**

* Too many individuals representing one provider type, outweighing the rest of the membership. Ensure we have various provider types represented on the MAC.
* Ensure various geographical areas are represented.
* Identify, in some way, those people who attend the MAC as guests.
* Does a confirmed MAC membership spot apply to an individual person or to the affiliate?

**APA Process Overview with Tom Leet**

* Tom Leet presented an overview of the rulemaking process.
* MAC asked if it would be possible to have an AAG attend a MAC meeting if the MAC is talking about a rule change the AAG will be working on.

**Review of MaineCare Rule Status Update with Tom Leet**

* It was suggested that if a policy has not been opened in a long time the policy writer might consider meeting with tribal reps to get suggestions.
* It was suggested that the MAC create a plain language guideline for the rules.
* Is the exception for Estate Recovery that was previously in the rule is still an option? Concern that people are saying they will go without healthcare vs losing their home.
* How would the MAC formalize a process for their suggestions to be implemented?

**Agenda Suggestions for Next Meeting**

* MAC Chair discussion
* Complete membership
* 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.
* Individual MAC members should be prepping presentations for the group about things they think should be changed.
* MAC discussed how the MAC might support legislative initiatives. Would the Department be willing to share its bill tracking info?