

MONTANA HEALTH COALITION (MHC) Minutes
Department of Public Health and Human Services
June 3, 2014, WebEx 1:00-4:30 PM
111 Sanders, Room 306, Helena, Montana

Coalition members in attendance, either in-person or by webinar, were: Edith Clark, Mary Dalton, Travis Hoffman, Roger Holt, Bob Marsalli, Dale McBride representing Jane Smilie, Gary Mihelish, Eric Shields, Anna Whiting Sorrell representing Kevin Howlett, and Kristianne Wilson. Also in attendance were: Marcia Armstrong, Jean Branscum, Katherine Buckley-Patton, Senator Mary Caferro, Scot Conrady, Rebecca de Camera, Eve Franklin, Mike Foster, John Gahr, Melissa Higgins, Cynthia Hollimon, John McCarthy, Sue O'Connell, Glenda Oldenburg, Duane Preshinger, Lois Steinbeck, Jo Thompson, Bill Warden, and Kelly Williams.

- 1:02 pm** **Mary Dalton, State Medicaid Director**, welcomed the group. Attendees introduced themselves.
- 1:09 pm** **Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid Analyst**, presented a brief overview of the MHC's roles and responsibilities.
- 1:12 pm** **Mary** introduced the Department's two 1115 Waivers: Basic Medicaid and Plan First; explained the nature of demonstration waivers; and provided the history of the Basic Medicaid Waiver in Montana. (*1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver Amendment and 1115 Plan First Waiver Renewal-April 2, 2014 MHC Memo* handout)
- 1:18 pm** **Marcia Armstrong, Medicaid Mental Health Program Manager, Addictive & Mental Disorders (AMDD) Division**, discussed in more detail the 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver amendment; to include individuals in the Mental Health Services Plan, at or below 150% of the poverty level.
- 1:21 pm** **Mary** discussed the 1115 Basic Medicaid benefit package for individuals living with mental illness.
- 1:29 pm** Question and Answer session with Mary, Marcia, **Glenda Oldenburg (Administrator, AMDD)** and other attendees regarding the 1115 Basic Medicaid Waiver amendment and mental health.
- 1:39 pm** **Anna Whiting Sorrell (Director Operations, Planning and Policy, Tribal Health and Human Services Department, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes)**, attending for MHC member Kevin Howlett by phone, compared the significantly shorter life expectancy of American Indian women and men in Montana; significantly higher use of tobacco use and higher rates of mental illness.
- 1:41 pm** **Mary** wrapped up discussion on the Basic Medicaid Waiver amendment.
- 1:45 pm** **Jo Thompson, Chief, Member Health Management Bureau, Health Resources Division (HRD)**, discussed Montana's second 1115 Family Planning Waiver renewal.
- 1:53 pm** Question and Answer session with Mary, Jo, and other attendees regarding Plan First.
- 1:58 pm** **Rebecca de Camara, Administrator, Developmental Services Division (DSD)**, introduced herself and provided an update of the Division's Rule changes and amendments to State Plans. (*Developmental Services Division Proposed Rule and State Plan Amendments* handout)
- 2:05 pm** Question and Answer session with Mary and other attendees regarding provider rate increases.
- 2:08 pm** **Glenda** introduced herself; described AMDD services and facilities; and provided an update of the Division's Rule changes and amendments to State Plans. (*Addictive and Metal Disorders Division Rule Changes & State Plan Amendments* handout)
- 2:15 pm** **Glenda** and **Mary** discussed the Montana State Hospital census, particularly on the forensic unit.

- 2:19 pm** Question and Answer session with Mary, Glenda and other attendees regarding the Montana State Hospital census, community options, and eligibility upon release from an institution.
- 2:34 pm** **Duane Preshinger, Administrator, HRD**, provided an update of the Division's Rule changes and amendments to the Division's State Plans. (*Health Resources Division Rule Summary June 2014* and *Draft Early Induction Policy* handouts)
- 2:45 pm** Question and answer session with Duane and other attendees.
- 2:55 pm** **Kelly Williams, Administrator, Senior & Long Term Care Division**, introduced herself and discussed the Medicaid and non-Medicaid Division services and facilities; supplemental direct care wages; the new Community First Choice State Plan that is in the approval process with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; the *Money Follows the Person* demonstration project grant. (*Senior & Long Term Care Division Rule Updates* handout)
- 3:16 pm** Question and answer session with Kelly, Mary and other attendees.
- 3:23 pm** Break
- 3:29 pm** **Duane** discussed the CSI criteria workgroup and draft state plan being designed for the Patient-Centered Medical Home; the state has submitted two versions of the draft state plan: 1) all members under a Passport provider would automatically be in that patient-centered; 2) only members who meet certain chronic-disease states.
- 3:33 pm** Question and answer session with Mary, Duane, Jo, and other attendees.
- 3:40 pm** **Mary** discussed the difference between Patient-Centered Medical Home (driven by primary care) and the Health Home (not necessarily driven by primary care) models; South Dakota uses the latter model.
- 3:50 pm** **Mary** discussed with the group Medicaid Expansion and Healthcare Reform; it is not Medicaid reform, which is well-run; Medicaid is a player in healthcare but is not the entire system; Montana is looking at reforms that will result in better care; the Governor is a proponent of expansion, and we are exploring the options; the 10 Essential Health Benefits; wellness incentives vs. negative sanctions.
- 3:59 pm** Question and answer session with Mary and other attendees.
- 4:06 pm** **Mary** discussed expansion models from other states, including Arkansas.
- 4:08 pm** Question and answer session with Mary, Duane, and other attendees.
- 4:13 pm** **Anna** brought up the efforts by Tribes across the country in states that have not expanded Medicaid to pursue 1115 waivers with 100% federal pass-throughs, special provisions of the Affordable Care Act, and CMS increased participation with Tribes; **Mary** and Anna discussed.
- 4:18 pm** Question and answer session with Mary and other attendees about Medicaid enrollment, the "welcome mat" effect, Healthy Montana Kids enrollment increases.
- 4:23 pm** **Mary** closed the meeting with a discussion of the MHC's future meeting schedule: next meeting was proposed for September/October to include the DPHHS budget as an agenda item.
- 4:26 pm** **Close of meeting.**