

## **BMAS FINAL MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 10, 2024  
10:00 AM

A quorum of the Board of Medical Assistance Services attended the meeting at the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) offices at 600 East Broad Street, Richmond. A web-ex option was also available for members of the Board and the public to attend virtually.

**Present:** Tim Hanold, Jennifer Clarke, Jason Brewster, Margaret Roomsburg, Paul Hogan, Bernie Boone, Vienne Murray, Joye Moore, Patricia Cook, Ashish Kachru

**Present Virtually:** Basim Khan

**Absent:**

**DMAS Attendees:** Cheryl Roberts-DMAS Director, Tammy Whitlock – Deputy Complex Care Services, Adrienne Fegans -Deputy for Programs, Chris Gordon-Deputy for Finance, John Kissel-Deputy for Technology & Innovation, Ivory Banks – Chief of Staff, Rich Rosendahl- Deputy for Health Economics and Economic Policy-Virtually, Lisa Price-Stevens, MD-Chief Medical Officer, Truman Horwitz, Director of Budget, Brian McCormick- Director Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Emily McClellan-Policy Division Director, Morgan Greer- Board counsel and Brooke Barlow- Board Secretary.

**Other Attendees:** Scott Johnson, Alan Fowler, Emily Lafon, Lisa Martin, Yolanda Chandler, Sevda Nixon

**Virtual Attendees:** Victoria Richardson, Vanessa Lane, Tyler Cox, TJ Gordon, Susan Massart, Steve Ford, Sofhia Pineda, Tameeka Smith, Sarah Haggie, Sarah Craddock, Patrick Finnerty, Meredith Lee, Lucy Cantrell, Loris Horton, LeVar Bowers, Jessica Annecchini, Jay Andrews, Jason Craig, Janine Woldt, Hope Richardson, Heather Linke, Emily Roller, Danielle Nowell, Craig Connors, China Kierson, Charlotte Arbogast, Cara Kaufman, Leora Grasi, Bill Rooney, Bill Phipps, Aaron Lambert, Dr. Creekmore

### **1. Call to Order**

Tim Hanold, Board Chair, called for a motion by the Board to open the regular meeting of the Board of Medical Assistance Services at 10:05 am on December 10, 2024, at 600 East Broad Street, Conference Rooms A & B, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the September 17, 2024, meeting were introduced and approved.

Moved by Tim Hanold; seconded by Ashish Kachru to Approve Motion Passed: 10 - 0

Voting For: Tim Hanold, Jennifer Clarke, Jason Brewster, Margaret Roomsburg, Paul Hogan, Bernie Boone, Vienne Murray, Joye Moore, Patricia Cook, Ashish Kachru

Voting Against: None

Virtual: Basim Khan

### **3. Director's Report**

Director Roberts presented to the Board an overview Program updates, Financial updates, Upcoming CMS changes, Major contracts and procurements, Behavioral health, Maternal health, ED utilization, BMAS Biennial Report, Strategic Plan and 2024 Wrap Up.

### **4. Budget Updates**

Truman Horwitz, Budget Division Director presented Budget updates and provided information regarding the November Forecast that was released on November 1, spending on track to that Forecast and that DMAS will continue to monitor trends to react as needed.

### **5. Enhancing Language and Disability Access in Virginia Medicaid**

Montserrat Serra, Civil Rights Coordinator, presented to the Board on the DMAS Civil Rights Unit.

Who they are:

- John Stanwix, Appeals Division Director.
- Montserrat Serra, Civil Rights Coordinator.
- Jesus Perez, Civil Rights Compliance Specialist.
- Teresa Roberts, Civil Rights Administrative Specialist.

What the Board does:

- Protect the rights of Medicaid applicants and members, ensuring equitable access to services regardless of language or disability.
- Ensure compliance with federal and state civil rights laws across Medicaid programs and services.
- Oversee the implementation of language and disability access programs.
- Coordinate language and disability access services and accommodations within DMAS.
- Handle discrimination complaints related to Medicaid.

### **6. CMS Rules 2024-2026**

Sarah Hatton, Deputy Director of Administration, presented on the changes to the CMS Rules for 2024-2026.

The three main areas of final rule making include eligibility, managed care and accessibility.

- Two Medicaid eligibility related rules
- Two managed care related rules
- Three accessibility rules

- One rule related to incarcerated youth re-entry

## **7. 1115 Demonstration Waiver for Serious Mental Illness (SMI): Amendment Application**

Lisa Jobe-Shields, Behavioral Health Division Director, presented on amending Virginia's 1115 Demonstration Waiver.

Building and Transforming Coverage, Services, and Supports for a Healthier Virginia (Number: 11-W-00297/3).

- Virginia submitted a renewal application to extend the existing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Former Foster Care Youth (FFCY) components to CMS August, 2024
- With this application, we are planning to add an additional amendment to seek a waiver program for Serious Mental Illness (SMI), an opportunity that was announced in 2018
- The intent of the amendment is to allow inpatient and residential crisis stabilization services for adults 21-64 in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs)

## **8. Dashboards**

Rich Rosendahl, Deputy Director for Healthcare Analytics & Transformation, gave an overview of the HEDIS Dashboard, Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Dashboard and the Waiver Services Dashboard.

## **9. New Business/Old Business**

### **10. Public Comment – No public comments**

### **11. Regulations – Regulations were presented to the Board and posted to Townhall.**

### **12. Adjournment**

Moved by Tim Hanold; seconded by Ashish Kachru to Approve Motion Passed: 10 - 0  
Voting For: Tim Hanold, Jennifer Clarke, Jason Brewster, Margaret Roomsburg, Paul Hogan, Bernie Boone, Vienne Murray, Joye Moore, Patricia Cook, Ashish Kachru  
Voting Against: None  
Virtual: Basim Khan