

Children's Health Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
James F. Thompson Conference Room
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky
January 14, 2015
2:00 p.m. EST

TAC members in attendance: Chair Mary Burch, Tara Grieshop-Goodwin, Dr. Charlotte Haney, Dr. Jessica Korhonen, and Dr. Kelli Whitt.

Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance: Beth Goodin, Carolyn Kerr, Liz McKune, David Hanna and Marcelline Coots, Passport Health Plan; Lee Ann Magre, WellCare; Peg Patton, David Crowley, Mary Maupin and Matt Fitzner, Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield; Kimberlee Richardson and Dr. Fred Tolin, CoventryCares; Pamela Lawless, Humana-CareSource .

Medicaid staff in attendance: Stephanie Bates, Cindy Arflack and Becky Walsh. Others in attendance: Stephen Lin, Maria Hafer and Dennis Yaste with Kentucky Youth Advocates; Dr. Julia Richerson with AAP-KY.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Burch, Chair. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Haney and seconded by Dr. Korhonen to approve the September 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Elect Chair and Co-Chair:

A motion was made by Ms. Burch and seconded by Dr. Haney to approve Ms. Grieshop-Goodwin as Chair and Dr. Korhonen as Vice-Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the availability of telephone conferencing at future meetings for those members who are unable to attend meetings but the member(s) appearing by phone would not count towards a quorum. A motion was made by Dr. Korhonen and seconded by Ms. Burch to amend Section III-C of the Bylaws to read: A quorum for any meeting of the TAC shall consist of half of the appointed members plus one. The number "ten" will be omitted from the Bylaws. Motion passed.

Ms. Grieshop-Goodwin also suggested that TAC designees be involved in all communications.

Cabinet Updates on Medicaid & KCHIP:

Ms. Arflack reported that former foster care children have to recertify every twelve months. Ms. Bates stated that is no way to access the information requested concerning the number of former foster youth ages 18 to 26 that are now eligible for Medicaid that weren't eligible before the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Arflack noted that everybody has a different status code and there is not a different status code for this population.

Ms. Bates noted that information was furnished to the TAC concerning the Performance Improvement Project (PIP) that all MCOs are involved in on the topic of Appropriate Use and Management of Antipsychotics for Children and Adolescents. A spreadsheet concerning the CMS 416 data was also furnished to the TAC.

Ms. Bates stated that DMS and the MCOs have begun an oral health initiative that is very general and preliminary at this point, and she will have more to report at the next meeting. Dr. Haney noted that on January 31st, a meeting will be held in Lexington on Children's Access to Care that will involve oral health issues, and she asked Ms. Bates to let her know if there are any updates on this oral health initiative prior to the upcoming meeting. Ms. Arflack stated that DMS would supply to the TAC the MCO quarterly updates on this initiative.

Ms. Arflack announced that Medicaid Commissioner Lawrence Kissner will resign effective February 1st and Ms. Lisa Lee will be the new Commissioner.

Review Reports from DMS:

Ms. Arflack discussed the Children's BH Report for October and November, 2014 and stated these are claims-driven reports. The report does not include denials but Ms. Arflack stated when that report is available, it will be furnished to the TAC.

Ms. Grieshop-Goodwin asked about the status of the request concerning a special run being done just for children on prior authorizations and appeals. Ms. Arflack stated DMS is still combing through the report and she will furnish it to the TAC as soon as the review is completed.

Dr. Richerson asked if there were other PIPs being done that impact children's health. Ms. Bates stated that there are new focus studies being done on childhood obesity and medically fragile children.

Anthem reported that they are working on PIP's concerning psychotropic medications and reducing emergency room rates, especially for the adult population. On oral health, Anthem only picked up children in July. Effective January 1, 2015, Anthem changed dental providers from Scion Dental to DentaQuest. Anthem is working on the no-show codes and reimbursing screenings through the Department of Health for children and for fluoride treatments as well.

Mr. Crowley reported that fifty-nine foster care children are currently assigned to Anthem. Of those, one is receiving acute psychiatric services and three are receiving residential services. Three of those foster children are on three or more psychotropic medications and two of those are on four or more psychotropic medications.

CoventryCares reported that they are working on a PIP addressing children with ADHD and educating families on contract therapy and medication interventions. There are over 5,000 foster care children enrolled with CoventryCares.

Dr. Fred Tolin addressed the oral health issues and stated that are identifying their membership in two groups - children under the age of five who are eligible for services but have not had appropriate treatment such as fluoride varnishes and children six and older who have permanent teeth and are looking at sealant rates for this age group. CoventryCares is addressing network adequacy by utilizing dental hygienists who are in place with Public Health Departments and by using primary care physicians for fluoride varnishes.

Humana-CareSource reported that they have 149 foster care children enrolled. One is out of state acute care and three are in-state acute care. Ms. Lawless stated she is working on children with polypharmacy and antipsychotics.

Passport reported that are looking at under-utilization of psychotropic medications for those children who are not getting prescriptions filled in a timely manner, as well as over-utilization of these medications. A new PIP has been added on reducing re-admissions of postpartum members.

WellCare reported that the PIPs they are working on are the reduction of emergency room usage, ADHD medication administration and adherence and follow-up after hospitalization requirements for appointments within seven days. Ms. Magre noted although these may not be PIPs, the MCO has done work around asthma, obesity, COPD, diabetes and neonatal care and postpartum.

For foster care and adoptive children, Wellcare has over 6,100 children enrolled. A focus study is in development around foster care utilization of acute and sub-acute and PRTF level-of-care and the rapid re-admissions going on with that. WellCare will launch another focus study on foster children and their care gaps.

Ms. Magre requested that if the TAC has specific items they would like the MCOs to bring to the meetings, to let them know ahead of time. Ms. Arflack said PIP updates would be on future agenda items, and if TAC

members have other items they want the MCOs to address, they should get that information to Ms. Arflack or Ms. Gullion and they will forward it to the MCOs.

General Discussion:

Dr. Richerson asked if community health workers are approved in a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to get reimbursed and Ms. Arflack said DMS is working on this issue. Dr. Richerson also asked about the status of the asthma educator issue and Ms. Bates stated that the Medicaid Commissioner's Office is still working on this issue.

Dr. Richerson asked what the best forum is for working with all the MCOs at one time when there are child advocacy issues to be addressed. There was discussion that these types of issues can be brought to the TAC who could then make recommendations to the Medicaid Advisory Council (MAC). It was suggested that this topic be discussed at the next TAC meeting.

Discuss Recommendations to MAC:

There were no new recommendations to be made to the MAC.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be March 11, 2015, 2:00 p.m. in the James F. Thompson Conference Room, CHR Building. The November 11, 2015 meeting date is changed to November 4, 2015.

A motion was made by Ms. Grieshop-Goodwin and seconded by Dr. Haney to adjourn the meeting.

(Minutes were taped and transcribed by Terri Pelosi, Court Reporter, this 16th day of January, 2015.)