Children’s Health Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

DPH Distance Learning Center, Lab Room A
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky
September 12, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. EST

TAC members in attendance: Julia Richerson, Chair; Mahak Kalra, Lisa Powell, Lisa Powell, Mike Flynn (telephonic), Pat Glass (telephonic).

Managed Care Organization (MCO) representatives in attendance: Betsy Kirk (telephonic), Passport Health Plan; LeAnn Magre, WellCare; Brittany Brice, Aetna Better Health; Cathy Stephens, Humana-CareSource; Jean O’Brien, Sara Ogden, Anthem.

Medicaid staff in attendance: Angie Parker, C.J. Jones, Tonisha Byrd, Crystal Myatt.

Others in attendance: Nicole Barber-Culp, Department for Public Health; Tamsyn Oakes, KYOSA/Save the Children; Eva Stone (telephonic), Jefferson County Public Schools.

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Julia Richerson, Chair. Introductions were made by people in attendance and on the telephone.

Establish Quorum: A quorum was not present.

Approval of May and July Minutes: The minutes could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

Updates from the MAC: Ms. Kalra reported that the MAC had not met since the July TAC meeting but is scheduled to meet on September 27, 2018. Dr. Richerson asked Ms. Kalra to compile a list of pending recommendations that the TAC has forwarded to the MAC.

NEW BUSINESS:
(1) Topic for July-September: Obesity:
(a) MCO case management – common referral form: Dr. Richerson presented an example of a common referral form that the MCOs could use to refer children into case management for childhood obesity. Ms. Jones reiterated that DMS cannot mandate that MCOs use the form, but if MCOs did want to put it on their websites, the document would need to be submitted to DMS through the document process. Dr. Richerson noted the form did not necessarily need to be on the MCO websites but be distributed as a tool to pediatric networks. There was discussion regarding additional information to be added to the form, and Dr. Richerson will make those changes and send the form back to C.J. for review and approval.

CM staff training basics: Dr. Richerson asked what the next step would be for getting some core content with case management people around childhood obesity, and Ms. Jones stated that Dr. Liu had sent the TAC and the MCOs the CHOPT for Medicaid document that he felt addressed this issue, and Dr. Richerson asked that everyone review this and it could be discussed at the next TAC meeting. Dr. Richerson will send Ms. Parker the information that she had received from Tal Curry about effective online trainings.

(b) Other next steps suggested:
CHOPT for Medicaid. This will be discussed at the next TAC meeting.

Lisa Powell – H/B codes payment: Ms. Powell stated what she found in her research is that the health and behavior codes 96150, which is the assessment code, and 96151, which is the re-assessment code, are being paid but providers are not being paid for the intervention code, which is 961152. Ms. Myatt with DMS will assist in looking into this.

Regional meetings: The concept of having regional meetings around childhood obesity was discussed at the last TAC meeting and Dr. Richerson stated this conversation will continue when the TAC discusses CHOPT.

Dietitian as a provider type: Ms. Jones suggested that the TAC continue discussing this topic, and when a quorum is present, a recommendation may want to be made to the MAC.
Discussion topics – choose for November-January: Obesity will continue to be discussed at the November meeting. It was suggested inviting the CARDS Unit to the next TAC meeting in to give an update on children being prescribed psychiatric medications, and Ms. Jones will email Ms. Bates about their availability. Ms. Powell suggested a discussion around social determinants of health and how they are impacting children’s health outcomes.

Ms. Kalra asked if the MCOs were still doing Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs), and Ms. Jones suggested having Evette Rhodes with DMS attend a future TAC meeting to discuss this.

OLD BUSINESS

- Screening companies in schools and community: review of medical and oral health issues related to providing high quality care: Mr. Flynn stated that the mobile dental clinics that he is familiar with that come in to schools are now doing restorative care and follow-up care. Dr. Richerson stated that this topic will be removed from the agenda but she asked Mr. Flynn to report on any medical screening company issues he may hear about in the future.
- HPV vaccines: next steps to monitor and improve rates; HEDIS data; update on collaborative: Dr. Richerson asked if a data request could be made for HEDIS data, and Ms. Parker stated that the final HEDIS results should be available in September or October and DMS could provide this at the November TAC meeting. The immunization collaborative will be discussed at the next TAC meeting.
- School-based services and Free Care Rule – Eva Stone, Jefferson County Public Schools: Ms. Stone addressed the TAC and stated that, in her opinion, since the 1115 Waiver is on hold, this would be a perfect time to move forward with implementation of the Free Care Rule in order to close care gaps and improve health and education outcomes. She noted that if DMS did not want to act on this, that advocacy groups could promote legislative action to make this happen.
- Opportunities related to new Menactra at age 16 requirements: This was not discussed.

Update from Medicaid Medical Director – Gil Liu: Dr. Liu was not present at the meeting.

DMS Updates and Reports – C.J. Jones:

- 1115 Waiver updates – impacts on children: Ms. Jones stated that the comment period from CMS closed in August. Ms. Jones noted that CMS rescinded the regulation that requires MCOs to collect copays on certain services, excluding pharmacy, but that MCOs individually can opt to collect copays. Anthem, Aetna, Passport and Wellcare have waived copays, excluding pharmacy. Humana-CareSource is currently collecting copays but will no longer do so as of October 1st.
- State Health Improvement Plan – impact on child health issues: Ms. Jones stated that Dr. Liu would be the one to speak about this.
- New rules on Medicaid MCO’s PBM’s: Ms. Jones stated that Dr. Liu would be the one to speak about this.

Ms. Jones introduced Tonisha Byrd who will be responsible for the EPSDT Program and she will also be the contact person for the TAC. She also introduced Angie Parker, Division Director of Program Quality and Outcomes, and noted that Crystal Myatt will continue as the DCBS foster care liaison and will assist with coding issues and that Tal Curry has been named as Director of Autism in the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

MCO Updates/Questions for Data Request Reporting: WellCare reported that Dr. Tim Houchin has been hired as the new Behavioral Health Medical Director and a new Medical Director will be named in October. There were no other updates.

General Governance Issues:

- Vacancies on TAC: Dr. Richerson will follow up with Ms. Byrd to confirm membership from the different organizations serving on the TAC.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjourn: The next meeting is November 14, 2018, 2:00 p.m.