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Advisory Panel for Medi-Cal Families Meeting Summary
July 31, 2014
Sacramento, California

Members in attendance: Karen Lauterbach, Non-Profit Clinic Representative; Ronald Diluigi, Business Representative; William Arroyo, M.D., Mental Health Provider Representative; Jan Schumann, Subscriber Representative; Paul Phinney, M.D., MSc, Pediatrician Representative; Ellen Beck, M.D., Family Practice Physician Representative;

DHCS Staff in attendance: Anastasia Dodson, Associate Director for Policy; Oksana Giy, Health Reform Advisor; Phoebe Sadler, Director's Office; Matt Ortiz, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility; Karen Baylor, Deputy Director of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services; Brenda Grealish, Chief of Mental Health Services Division; O'Shea Nero, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division; Braden Oparowski, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division; Tara Naisbitt, Chief, Medi-Cal Eligibility Division;

Audience: Jack Montez, MAXIMUS; Kelley Hardy, Children Now; Beth Abbott, Health Access; Annette Rose, California Association of Health Plans; Nathan Davis, California Children's Hospital Association; Amelia Lawless, Department of Finance; Carla Castenada, Department of Finance; Scott Ogos, Department of Finance; Kristina March, California Medical Association; Janis Conmallor, Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health; Linda Dickerson, California Mental Health Planning Council; Lydia Bourne, AAP-CA; Laura Leonelli, California Mental Health Planning Council;; C. Douglas, P.E.A.C.H.; Kirsten Barion, California Mental Health Directors Association

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1. Introduction
    a. Dr. Paul Phinney opened meeting.
2. Review and Approval of May 27th, 2014 Advisory Panel Meeting Meetings
    a. Minor changes to minutes.
    b. Panel discussed the format of the meeting minutes and requested to have meeting notes with follow-up items listed.
3. Advisory Panel Membership
    a. Dr. Paul Phinney was selected to serve as the Advisory Panel Chair.
        i. Dr. Ellen Beck asked to have a more developed and structured process for future recruitments.
        ii. Dr. Phinney agreed to serve as interim Advisory Panel Chair while AB 357 is being reviewed.
    b. Sandra Reilly from Pomona Valley Medical Center was selected to represent Disproportionate Share Hospitals.
    c. Marci Aguirre from Inland Empire Health Plan was selected to represent the Health Plans.
    d. DHCS is soliciting recommendations for the Education representative.
4. Eligibility and Enrollment Update
    a. Since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medi-Cal has enrolled over 2 million newly eligible individuals into the program.
    b. DHCS is working to effectuate coverage for the 490,000 individuals who have pending applications as of July 2014.
        i. DHCS plans to reduce pending applications to 350,000 by mid-August.
    c. DHCS implemented temporary policy for self-attestation of California residency.
    d. As applications are being processed, the beneficiary's status may remain pending even though coverage is active and the beneficiary's information has been transferred into Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS).
    e. Renewal packets have been being sent to pre-ACA beneficiaries each month, beginning in April.
        i. "Request for Tax Household Information" (RFTHI) packets include requesting tax information from beneficiaries which is now required to make a MAGI determination.
        ii. Starting in 2015, DHCS will be utilizing information that has already been provided and verified through the federal hub to automatically renew coverage.

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iii. Counties are currently holding the RFTHI packets and are not reevaluating eligibility based on the information provided.
iv. DHCS is discussing renewal options with CMS.
v. RFTHI packets sent without a due date were sent in error. Since the error, the identified County has resent the packets with the correct due date.
vi. Consumers can provide tax household information through the mail, phone or in person.

f. Beneficiaries who were transitioned from the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) are being processed by County Eligibility Workers in the same manner as new applicants.
g. DHCS completed a detailed report to CMS on the mitigation plan which included data breakdowns.

5. Deep Dive Presentation: Mental Health by Karen Baylor and Brenda Grealish
   a. DHCS is working on developing a performance outcomes system for children which will include multiple performance indicators.
   b. DHCS continues discussions with managed care health plans and county mental health plans on mental health services integration and care coordination.
   c. Stakeholder Comments/Questions
      i. Stakeholders expressed concern that Federally Qualified Health Centers cannot bill Medi-Cal for mental health services on the same day as a physical health appointment; DHCS is aware of the issue.
      ii. Stakeholders communicated that there is a need for family therapy.
      iii. It was suggested that DHCS explore the option for school-based mental health services.
      iv. As an outreach tool, it was suggested to include a question on the pediatric surveys at doctor's offices asking if the person is aware that mental health services are now offered under Medi-Cal.
6. Open Discussion
   a. DHCS discussed merging Advisory Panel for Medi-Cal families with the Managed Care Advisory Group.
   b. Medi-Cal Managed care plans cover 4.2 million children; merging the two groups would leave about 900,000 children who are receiving fee-for-service coverage under represented.
   c. The Panel Members agreed to have separate meetings until AB 357 is finalized.

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d. The Panel Members decided to have the deep dive topic at the September 18th meeting be on Dental Health.

Follow-up items:

1. Will DHCS administer an oath for new members of the Panel?
2. How many children are enrolled in Medi-Cal as of August 2014?
3. Total number of consumers who are eligible for coverage but have not applied, excluding undocumented immigrants?
4. Total number of DACA applications received to date?
5. How much of the Medi-Cal budget is spent on children?
6. Total cost of outreach dedicated to children and mental health services?
7. What is the statutory authority of insurance code 12693.90?

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