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Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel
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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Jan Schumann, Subscriber Representative; Dr. Jeffery Fisch, Pediatrician Representative; Ellen Beck, M.D., Family Practice Physician Representative; Pamela Sakamoto, County Public Health Provider Representative; Alice Mayall, Parent Representative; Sandra Reilly, Licensed Disproportionate Share Hospital Representative; Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar, Substance Abuse Provider Representative; Marci Aguirre, Health Plan Representative; Paul Reggiardo, Licensed, practicing dentist; Wendy Longwell, Parent Representative; William Arroyo, M.D., Mental Health Provider Representative; Ron DiLuigi, Business Community Representative (phone)

DHCS Staff in attendance: Toby Douglas, Director; Anastasia Dodson, Associate Director for Policy; Oksana Giy, Health Reform Advisor; Phoebe Sadler, Director's Office; Danielle Stumpf, Director's Office; Carol Gallegos, Deputy Director for Legislative and Governmental Affairs

Audience: Janis Connallon, Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health; Stephanie Berry, Delta Dental; Katherine Ross, Delta Dental; Kris Calvin, American Academy of Pediatrics; Sandra Gallardo, Department of Managed Health Care; Brenda White, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan; Amber Kemp, California Hospital Association; Kara Corches, California Optometric Association; Amber Kemp, California Hospital Association

I. Introduction

a) Anastasia Dodson welcomed everyone:
   i. It is exciting to have the first meeting with full panel representation. We will start with introductions around the room.

b) Panel Members gave brief introduction of their background:
   i. Pamela Sakamoto: 18 years of experience working with Partnership HealthPlan of Solano County and would like to help improve the services of CCS including access.

ii. Alice Mayall: Parent Representative who has been involved with the panel for a year and a half and is also a clinical psychologist.
iii. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar: Mental Health Representative interested in access to healthcare for adolescents and children and the integration of substance use services.
iv. Sandra Reilly: Health Plan representative, who is currently the Director of Managed Care for Pomona Valley Hospital. Particularly interested in access to care and knowledge sharing with those who are interested in gaining access to services.
v. Dr. William Arroyo: Ten years of experience on the previous Healthy Families Panel, representing County Behavioral Health system of Los Angeles.
vi. Dr. Ellen Beck: Family Practitioner and previous member of the Healthy Families Board at MRMIB. Currently works at UC San Diego Medical School.
vii. Dr. Jeffery Fisch: Pediatrician with Kaiser Roseville who previously worked at a community health organization. Runs the largest pediatric center in Northern California. Would like to focus on access to pediatrics.
viii. Liliya Walsh: Parent Representative who is interested in access to care, affordability, and the holistic approach to medical care.
ix. Wendy Longwell: Parent Representative of 19 year old child with spina bifida. 18 years of experience with CCS and Medi-Cal. Would like to focus on issued related to access to care and lack of Medi-Cal specialists in rural areas.
x. Paul Reggiardo, D.D.S.: Dental Representative who is currently a Medi-Cal dental provider.
xi. Dr. Marc Lerner, M.D.: Education Representative who is a pediatrician and school physician. Parent of an adult with special health care needs and would like to focus on gaps in coverage; ensuring needs are met, screening programs at school, and lack of preventative coverage for children. Very supportive of school health care providers.
xii. Marci Aguirre: Director of community outreach and Inland Empire Health Plan. Works with the new expansion population in Southern California. Would like to focus on informing beneficiaries of their coverage.
xiii. Alan Schumann: Consumer Child Welfare Advocate and would like to continue discussing enrollment and disenrollment issues as they relate to children.
xiv. Ron DiLuigi (phone): Business Community Representative.

Toby Douglas, DHCS Director made some additional opening comments:
I'd like to thank the panel members for their interest and time to serve on the Panel. The panel will bring so much value to the department based on the composition and different positions included on the panel. The panel's perspective on various issues relating to children will be of value. We would still like to discuss how to have the panel members participate in other stakeholder meetings within DHCS as various issues intersect and we are still working on the evolution of the panel.

II. Selection of Interim Chair

a) Anastasia Dodson asked for panel members to nominate a fellow member or themselves as the interim chair.
    i. Alice Mayall: I propose having a vote today and to have the chair facilitate the meeting; we can then have a more formal process over the next two months.
        1. Anastasia Dodson: This vote would only count for today as we will have a more formal process and the interim Chair will hand off to the selected chair at the next meeting
    ii. Wendy Longwell: What other members have served on the panel previously?
        1. Several former Healthy Family Panel Members raised their hand.
    iii. Dr. Ellen Beck: I nominate myself as the interim Chair.
    iv. Dr. William Arroyo: I hope the chair will be open to discussing controversial issues, even those that oppose the Department.
        1. Alan Schumann: I nominate Dr. William Arroyo to serve as the chair.
            a. Dr. William Arroyo: Thank you for the nomination but at this time I cannot accept to serve in that capacity.
    v. Liliya Walsh: What will the Chair's responsibilities be?
        1. Anastasia Dodson: The chair serves as the facilitator of the meeting and helps with setting the agenda.

b) Dr. Ellen Beck was selected as the interim Chair.

III. Review and Approval of October 22, 2014 Advisory Panel Meeting Notes

a) Alice Mayall: Can we have the meeting notes structured more as minutes with additional detail?
    i. Pamela Sakamoto: Also would like the minutes structured in a table format with the agenda as the outline. Each topic will include action items, lead, and next steps.
    ii. Anastasia Dodson: We can include more detail on the meeting minutes and look for an alternative format.

b) Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar motioned the notes for approval.

c) Dr. Marc Lerner seconded the motion.

IV. Panel Structure, Frequency and Protocols

a) Dr. Ellen Beck: Do the panel members have any structural items to discuss?
    i. Pamela Sakamoto: I recommend restructuring the agenda to include outcomes of discussions, action items, etc.
    ii. Liliya Walsh: I would like to review AB 357 at beginning of each meeting.
    iii. Dr. Ellen Beck: I would like the Panel to have a standing agenda item titled "urgent issues" where panel members can raise significant issues?
        1. Ron DiLuigi: That does not meet the Bagley-Keene Act. All agenda items will need to be announced in advance.

        2. Alan Schumann: To comply with Bagley-Keene, I recommend titling the agenda item “Member Updates”.
        3. Anastasia Dodson: DHCS will meet internally with the Office of Legal Services to better understand the impact of Bagley-Keene regulations.
    iv. Anastasia Dodson: We currently have MCHAP meetings set in the deep dive format.
        1. Dr. Ellen Beck: I am okay with the deep dive approach but would still like to have an agenda item directed towards urgent matters.
    v. Dr. William Arroyo: The Medi-Cal Children’s Health Advisory Panel is different than other stakeholder workgroups at DHCS as this one is statutorily required.
        1. Anastasia Dodson: There are other workgroups that are in legislation such as the 1115 Waiver Stakeholder Advisory Committee, AB 1296, Section 93.
    vi. Dr. Ellen Beck summarized the different structural changes that were requested.

b) Dr. Ellen Beck: Could you provide the panel with a legislative report on all issues that relate to children?
    i. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar: I support the request for a legislative report.
    ii. Dr. Marc Lerner: I recommend focusing on other issues rather than legislation.
    iii. Ron DiLuigi: Can we have a legislative report that includes the urgent and relevant legislation?
    iv. Alice Mayall: I recommend looking at MRMIB meeting materials to see the historical process and materials when addressing legislation.
    v. Dr. Ellen Beck: MRMIB was so effective because of its structured meetings and format.
    vi. Anastasia Dodson: We have many stakeholder groups that overlap with these discussions. The challenge will be to find a way to intersect panel discussions with other groups throughout the Department. We do not have a list of legislation that impacts children solely therefore that would be a new work effort.

c) Dr. Ellen Beck: Are there other topics you would like discussed?
    i. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar: Survey Results.
    ii. Dr. William Arroyo: Reimbursement Rates.
        1. Dr. Ellen Beck: Could we have a fifteen minute discussion on reimbursement and the provider care payment decrease?
            a. Anastasia Dodson: Unfortunately we do not have the right people at the table to have this discussion but can address it at the next meeting.

d) Dr. Ellen Beck: How were panel vacancies filled?
    i. Anastasia Dodson: We solicited recommendations from some of our advocate partners and sent an email to our stakeholder distribution list asking

for interested parties to submit a resume and statement of interest. We received many applications from panel members and the public. Once applications were screened for qualifications, candidates were given a telephone interview and final selections were made.

e) Pamela Sakamoto: We should look at the upcoming meeting dates for 2015.
f) Alan Schumann: Would it be possible to alternate meeting locations throughout the state of California?
    i. Anastasia Dodson: There may be budgetary constraints that would prohibit us from holding meetings in other locations.
    ii. Dr. Ellen Beck: Could we look at the cost of having the meetings at other locations besides Sacramento?
        1. Ron DiLuigi: Under MRMIB we would alternate meeting locations but it was ultimately moved to only being held in Sacramento due to budget constraints.
    iii. Marci Aguirre: I would like to alternate locations if possible.
    iv. Wendy Longwell asked if the public is aware of the conference call option
        1. Anastasia Dodson: The meeting information is sent via email and posted online.
        2. Wendy Longwell: I recommend doing outreach to community members to get more involvement of parent subscribers.
        3. Alan Schumann: Can we include a link to the stakeholder engagement webpage on each annual notice?
    v. Pamela Sakamoto: Could we have a public service announcement on television notifying the public of the meetings?
    vi. Dr. Ellen Beck: Can we have a standard list of DHCS staff that should be at the table for each meeting?
        1. Anastasia Dodson: In preparation for each meeting, we will ensure the appropriate DHCS staff are in attendance.

V. Development of Milestones, Goals and Objectives for 2015 *(handout)*

a) Dr. Ellen Beck began reading through the Potential Healthcare Topics document. She then opened up the discussion to the members to begin selecting topics of highest priority to the panel.
    i. Paul Reggiardo: Access to dental care is only part of the issue.
    ii. Wendy Longwell: I would like to discuss a seamless healthcare integration.
    iii. Wendy Longwell: We could vote on top 5 priorities of focus then drill down to the moderate and low priorities.
    iv. Ron DiLuigi: Will the development of milestones be an ongoing discussion?
        1. Anastasia Dodson: Yes, this will be a discussion that is ongoing.
    v. Dr. Jeffery Fisch: We need to ensure that there is the same process when discussing each topic and that they are data driven.
        1. Pamela Sakamoto: I agree that we should develop a structure.

2. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar: We are buried in data but lacking attention to the data that is already provided. I would like to have an update on enrollment data at each meeting.
    a. Anastasia Dodson: We can have a dialogue at each meeting regarding data.

vi. Dr. Ellen Beck: Provider reimbursement seems like an important area of focus.
    1. Dr. William Arroyo: The decrease in reimbursement rates is already a done deal.
        a. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar: We can start with data and discuss "where are we now".

vii. Dr. Marc Lerner pointed out the five goals MCHAP needs to address are outlined in the legislation.
    1. Anastasia Dodson: We have previously sent meeting information about how the panel members can get involved in other workgroups.
        a. Dr. Ellen Beck: Will a panel member's travel be paid for by the Department for attending other meetings?
            i. **The DHCS policy is to only reimburse travel/provide stipend for MCHAP members to attend MCHAP meetings.**
    2. Liliya Walsh: Can some panel members attend certain assigned workgroups?
        a. Anastasia Dodson: All panel members are invited to participate in other workgroups. We will check on the policy regarding covering travel costs for attending other meetings.

b) Sandra Reilly: Will DHCS be responding to the letters from Children Now?
    i. Dr. Ellen Beck: I would like a formal response from DHCS to the Children Now letters.
        1. DHCS is currently responding to the issues raised in the letter in various forms.

c) Dr. Ellen Beck asked if the panel was ready to vote on top 5 goals?
    i. Alan Schumann: I recommend discussing enrollment and disenrollment trends for children.
    ii. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar: I'd like to have standing discussion on enrollment data and measures.
    iii. Alan Schumann: I would like to have timely responses that would be made public on deep dive topics presented at MCHAP.
        1. Anastasia Dodson recommended having more dialogue regarding these topics at upcoming meetings.
    iv. Dr. Ellen Beck: I am uncomfortable with voting on the top 5 goals and would like to vote at the next meeting.

Dr. Richard Pan, State Senator, attended the meeting and made remarks. Dr. Pan shared his background with Medi-Cal and his interest in the Panel as he himself is a pediatrician. Dr. Pan reflected that the panel will provide good input and policy guidance to DHCS. Dr. Pan noted several issues around children's health that the panel might discuss, such as pediatric dashboard reporting, access to care, school health issues, and how to maximize the waiver efforts.

d) Dr. Ellen Beck: I request a discussion of preliminary dashboard elements for pediatric measures.
    i. Anastasia Dodson: We can have two deep dive topics at the next meeting and extend the meeting time.
    ii. Dr. Marc Lerner: At the next meeting I would like to see where the access and dashboards are currently.

VI. Future Meetings

a) Upcoming Meeting Dates discussed.
    i. Dr. Ellen Beck: We will look at dates in March and extend the meeting time for the two deep dive topics.
    ii. Anastasia Dodson: DHCS will send out additional meeting dates for consideration in a poll format for members to review and provide their availability. Once we receive all availability and finalize the March date, we will share with the group.

b) Next Meeting Topic
    i. Anastasia Dodson: We will look at having an extended meeting with both Access and Dashboards as deep dive topics.