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Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel

Monday, January 5, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
1500 Capitol Ave, Training Room B & C
Call: 1-888-397-5124 Code: 3612132

Members in attendance: Karen Lauterbach, Non-Profit Clinic Representative; Jan Schumann, Subscriber Representative; Paul Phinney, M.D., MSc, Pediatrician Representative; Ellen Beck, M.D., Family Practice Physician Representative; Jared Fine, County Public Health Provider Representative; Alice Mayall, Subscriber Representative; Sandra Reilly, Licensed Disproportionate Share Hospital Representative; Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar, Substance Abuse Provider Representative; Marci Aguirre, Health Plan Representative

DHCS Staff in attendance: Anastasia Dodson, Associate Director for Policy; Oksana Giy, Health Reform Advisor; Phoebe Sadler, Director's Office; Danielle Stumpf, Director's Office; Marin Deen, Director's Office; Jon Chin, Acting Chief for Medi-Cal Dental Services Division; Carol Gallegos, Deputy Director for Legislative and Governmental Affairs; Chris Wordlaw, Medi-Cal Dental Services Division; Nik Ratiff, Medi-Cal Dental Services Division

Audience: Sandra Gallardo, Department of Managed Health Care; Ed Bynum, Liberty Dental Plan; Brenda White, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan; Adam Dorsey, Finance; Lindsay Callahan, RHA; Ben Rubin, Children Now; Amber Kemp, California Hospital Association; Yvonne Choong, California Medical Association; Lydia Bourne, AAP-CA; Stephanie Berry, Delta Dental; Kara Corches, California Optometric Association; Bernardette Arellano, CCHA Children's Hospitals

1. Opening Remarks
    a. Dr. Phinney noted that AB 357 restructures the existing Advisory Panel. Effective January 1, 2015, the Advisory Panel will be re-named the Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel.
    b. Scope of new Advisory Panel is more broad than previously in statute
2. Approval of July 31st meeting minutes
    a. Discussion of follow-up items.
    b. Possible upcoming deep dive topic on Medi-Cal budget.
    c. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar commented that budgetary questions/answers are appreciated but prefers to have more discussions on access to care and HEDIS measures.
    d. Jared Fine would like to have an agenda item discussing innovations that could be used for the Medi-Cal budget.
3. Stakeholder Engagement Initiative
    a. Web survey was administered and the results are currently being analyzed.
    b. DHCS is reviewing options to address concerns and suggestions that stakeholders had around the process and structure of stakeholder meetings.
        i. Stakeholder engagement and transparency are global efforts internally and externally.
    c. DHCS shared themes included in the survey responses
        i. Develop process to collaborate with stakeholders on setting the agenda, including materials that should be discussed at each meeting.
        ii. Outline and detail scope of each workgroup and ensure each workgroup has an online webpage that is consistently updated with agendas, meeting materials, and historical documentation.
        iii. Better documentation of action items at each meeting with proper follow-up.
        iv. Improvements to technical aspects of meetings such as better conference capabilities, meeting presentations, webinars, etc.
4. Evolution of Advisory Panel
    a. AB 357
        i. The Advisory Panel began in 1998 under MRMIB as the Health Families Advisory Board (HFAB).
            - HFAB transitioned to DHCS in January of 2014 and was renamed the Advisory Panel for Medi-Cal Families
            - AB 357 was signed on September 17, 2014
            - AB 357 renames the Advisory Panel to the Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel effective January 1, 2015.
        ii. The signing message for AB 1296 reads:
        "The Department of Health Care Services has begun a comprehensive

review of how it interacts with staekholders and the many groups that currently meet.

I am signing Assembly Bill 357 so that the current advisory panel can continue to focus on children's issues in Medi-Cal, while the department conducts this review. Once the department proposes revisions to its stakeholder groups and processes, advocates should be open to possible changes in how children's issues are discussed.

The department is already soliciting ideas and comments to improve interaction with all interested parties. Advocates for this measure should participate in this process to help the department achieve its goal."

iii. Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar asked for the next steps after the stakeholder survey has been analyzed.
    - DHCS will post results and comments online and improve internal processes.

iv. New Scope for Advisory Panel
    - Discussion about difference in scope for Advisory Panel in 2015
    - All matters relevant to all children and families

v. Advisory Panel Membership
    - 11 out of 15 member descriptions are not changed
    - Subscriber membership has changed
        a. Dr. Phinney has no inclination to replace existing consumer representatives.
        b. DHCS does not have interest in replacing the consumer representatives but the Department will need to follow the statue to ensure that all qualifications have been met.
        c. A Panel Member asked if the the department plans on forcing resignation of subscribers that do not meet criteria.
        d. DHCS would need to recruit to have each group represented.
            i. DHCS will further review the statute.
        e. Jan Schuman supports AB 357 and would step down to have proper representation.
        f. Ellen Beck recommended possibly extending membership to 18 members.
    - Vacant positions on Advisory Panel

a. DHCS will be posting all vacant positions on the DHCS webpage in addition to soliciting nominations from Advisory Panel members and the public.
b. Advisory Panel members requested guidance on how a member can resign from the Advisory Panel and put a new member in their place.
    i. DHCS will contact each Advisory Panel member asking if they are instered in recommitting (and ensure they meet all criteria).
        1. DHCS will send an email to the Advisory Panel on how the Department will fill positions for those who can no longer participate on the Advisory Panel

- Election of New Chair
    a. Process to elect new chair will begin prior to next meeting.
- Bagley-Keene Open-Meeting Requirements apply
    a. Open Meeting Act
        i. Cannot have a meeting without public notice which includes conference calls, emails between the Advisory Panel members.
- Advisory Panel Goals, Mandates and Planning
    a. Dr. Phinney recommended developing a 3-year plan for the Advisory Panel.
    b. Dr. Phinney recommended identifying 12 areas of high importance and prioritize.
        i. Begin new projects and write recommendations upon completion.
        ii. Structure will allow the Advisory Panel to focus on highest priorities.
    c. Review of overlapping topics.
        i. Have stakeholder groups report back to Advisory Panel on different topics.
    d. The Advisory Panel requested:
        i. DHCS data reports on enrollments.
        ii. DHCS Dashboard indicators that show a broad array of data.
        iii. Additional updates on access to care and enrollment data.
        iv. Quarterly report on a topic and thread.
- DHCS Roles

a. Advisory Panel is encouraged to drive the process regarding the 3-year plan.

- Meeting Frequency
    a. Establish a clearer scope of the group detailing goals and objective which will determine the frequency. DHCS will begin the process of filling vacancies in order to have full Advisory Panel representation at January meeting.

5. Deep Dive Presentation: Denti-Cal
    a. The Denti-Cal Budget for FY 14/15 is $947,000,000.
    b. The Advisory Panel members requested CMS Data on dental which is included in attached documents.
    c. The Advisory Panel members expressed concern that orthodontics are not covered unless dental is considered a disability.
        i. DHCS discussed criteria based on the Brown-Kaiser Act.
    d. The Advisory Panel Members requested to view dental dashboard.
        i. DHCS stated the Dental dashboard will be available to review fall/winter of 2015.