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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS)
Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program
Transition Workgroup
February 8, 2023
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

MEETING SUMMARY

CHDP Transition Workgroup Members Attended:

Beth Malinowski; Cheri Stabell; Eileen Espejo; Erin Thuston; Jack Anderson; Kate Ross; Kim Saruwatari; Lori Gardner; Mary Giammona, MD; Megan Blanchard; Nancy Netherland; Tooka Zokaie (delegate for Monica Montano); Tanesha Castaneda; Yasangi Jayasinha

CHDP Transition Workgroup Members that Did Not Attend:

Anne Nadler; Diana Boyer; Karen Motus; Kenzie (Poncy) Hanusiak; Nancy Shifflet; Pip Marks; Rebecca Sullivan; Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon;

DHCS Staff Attended: Adrianna Alcala-Beshara; Adrienne McGreevey; Ariana Hader-Smith; Barbara Sasaki; Cortney Maslyn; Courtney Wagner; Dana Durham; Daria Moore; Janeen Newman; Joseph Billingsley; Marlene Ricigliano; Monique Garcia; Pamela Riley; Sabrina Atoyebe; Stacy Nguyen

DHCS Consultants, Sellers Dorsey Attended: Alex Kanemaru; Felicia Spivack; Jill Hayden; Laurie Weaver; Olivia Brown; Sarah Brooks

Public Attended: 84

CHDP Transition Workgroup Materials: Agenda and Slide Deck

I. Welcome and Meeting Information

Sarah Brooks, DHCS Consultant with Sellers Dorsey

Welcomed members, shared meeting information and provided agenda overview.

***Joseph Billingsley, Assistant Deputy Director
Integrated Systems***

Welcomed members and discussed goals of the meeting and transition process.

Alex Kanemaru, DHCS Consultant with Sellers Dorsey

Reviewed housekeeping items.

II. Roll Call of Workgroup Members, DHCS Staff, and Sellers Dorsey Teams
Sarah Brooks

Conducted roll call of workgroup members and briefly introduced DHCS ISCD and sister divisions, and Sellers Dorsey teams.

III. Public Health Emergency Unwinding Update
***Sabrina Atoyebi, Chief
Medical Operations Branch***

Provided an overview of Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwinding updates.

Summary of Discussion:

- Members asked whether DHCS will publish county-specific redetermination plans.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
 - **Action Item:** DHCS will discuss internally and provide an update at a later date.

IV. January Meeting Summary and Homework
Sabrina Atoyebi

Provided an overview of the previous stakeholder meeting and discussed a summary of workgroup members' feedback on the Children's Presumptive Eligibility (CPE) presentation.

Summary of Discussion:

- Members requested that DHCS dedicate time in subsequent meetings to discuss how workgroup feedback is being incorporated into the transition plan.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members emphasized the importance of ensuring the CPE process effectively connects children and their families to a pediatrician or specialist.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members requested that DHCS provide responses to each individual piece of feedback, edit, and/or comment at the subsequent Workgroup meeting.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members requested additional information on the provider outreach campaign regarding the PHE unwinding and the CHDP transition, particularly as it relates to pediatric and family practice providers.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
 - **Action Item:** DHCS will utilize the dedicated inbox, chdpprogram@dhcs.ca.gov, to gather suggestions on newsletters and avenues for effective and timely outreach.
- Members suggested enlisting the support of the American Academy of Pediatrics for provider outreach.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members requested clarification on whether a child born to a mother enrolled in Medi-Cal will be covered for a year and enrolled through CPE.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members stressed the importance of starting outreach to providers as soon as possible to help ensure a seamless transition.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.

V. CHDP Transition Plan
Sarah Brooks

Reviewed the purpose of and timeline for the CHDP Transition Workgroup and the Transition Plan revision process.

Summary of Discussion:

- Members encouraged DHCS adopt a regular cadence for updating and soliciting feedback on the transition plan.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
 - **Action Plan:** DHCS will internally discuss when and how often to request feedback on the transition plan.

VI. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services

Stacy Nguyen, Branch Chief

Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division (MCQMD)

Discussed current CHDP activities related to EPSDT compared to managed care plan (MCP) covered services.

Pamela Riley, MD, Assistant Deputy Director and Chief Health Equity Officer

Quality and Population Health Management (QPHM)

Provided an overview of the EPSDT Outreach and Education Toolkit.

Summary of Discussion:

- Members asked whether the EPSDT Outreach and Education Toolkit will incorporate relevant information on dental services.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members requested elaboration on the fee-for-service delivery system and impacts following the CHDP transition.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
 - Action Item: DHCS will provide additional detail on this topic at an upcoming workgroup meeting.
- Members asked what measures are in place to ensure children are appropriately referred to and receive needed care.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members stressed the importance of distinguishing between “recommending” and “requiring” MCPs to follow certain standards of care.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members stressed the importance of developing an effective plan for serving the fee-for-service population.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.

VII. QPHM Initiatives to Support Transition

Pamela Riley, MD

Reviewed relevant QPHM initiatives, such as CalAIM Population Health Management and Care Management.

Summary of Discussion:

- Members suggested DHCS consider evidence-based home visiting programs.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members emphasized the need to support and coordinate care for members who may enter and exit Medi-Cal due to periodic changes in eligibility.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members emphasized important differences between counties with the whole-child model and those without it.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members raised concerns over duplication between enhanced care management (ECM) and services for special needs populations, such as Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.

VIII. Break

Sarah Brooks

A 15-minute break commenced.

IX. Managed Care Monitoring and Oversight Activities

***Dana Durham, Division Chief
MCQMD***

Discussed existing MCP oversight mechanisms, such as memorandums of understanding and community advisory committees.

***Adrienne McGreevy, Health Program Specialist II
MCQMD***

Provided an overview of oversight for managed care providers by comparing current CHDP program activities and current processes.

Pamela Riley, MD

Discussed Managed Care Accountability Set measures and performance measures.

Summary of Discussion:

- Members asked how DHCS can align measures to ensure providers are providing all necessary services and meeting standards of care, such as Bright Futures, in order to receive capitated payments.

- **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members suggested DHCS consider requiring site visits every year rather than every three years.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members requested clarification on the process for ensuring providers with documented deficiencies related to pediatric preventive health address those deficiencies and comply with established standards of care.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members sought clarification on provider requirements included in the credentialing and verification process.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members requested information on current or planned thresholds of providers in each catchment area to ensure necessary capacity and quality.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members emphasized that MCPs currently work to ensure children receive quality and timely care, follow Bright Futures guidelines, and report on HEDIS measures annually.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.

X. March 22 CHDP Transition Workgroup Overview
Sarah Brooks

Reviewed planned and potential topics for the upcoming March 22, 2023 CHDP transition workgroup meeting.

- Members suggested that DHCS dedicate time at the next workgroup meeting to discuss unanswered questions related to managed care.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
 - **Action Item:** DHCS will discuss questions for which it has responses and will consider dedicating additional time on the summary of the February workgroup meeting.
- Members requested the opportunity to provide additional feedback on the discussion questions related to the March 22, 2023 workgroup meeting.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members requested additional information about the planned transition of staff related to the CHDP transition, including a target date and/or readiness criteria.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members requested a walkthrough of the budget process and suggested that state- and local-level fiscal representatives attend the next meeting.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.

- Members strongly recommended that DHCS commit to ensuring counties are kept whole as a foundational starting point for the upcoming discussion on funding and resources.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members strongly encouraged counties to share current and projected staffing levels and suggested DHCS formally request counties submit this information.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
 - Action Item: DHCS will consider a survey to gather this information from county representatives.
- Members asked DHCS to distinguish between current staffing, resource levels and projected levels in the future, when CHDP will have sunset and CCS and HCPFC might impact the workload.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.

XI. Public Comment

Sarah Brooks

- Members emphasized the importance of acknowledging counties' existing and continued funding constraints.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.
- Members expressed support for considering already existing inadequacies in current county staffing levels.
 - **Response:** DHCS will take this into consideration.

XII. Next Steps

Sarah Brooks

Provided information on next steps, including the posting of this meeting summary and provision of homework, discussed workgroup meeting logistics, and relayed contact information for questions or feedback

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.