

Meeting Title: Title XIX Advisory Committee		
Minutes	Meeting Date: 3/27/2020	Meeting Time: 8:30 am – 9:30am
Meeting Location:	Conference Call (360) 407-3811,,259584# (one-touch dial)	
Meeting Called By:	Claudia St. Clair, Chair	
Minutes:	Kodi Campbell Meetings may be recorded for transcription RCW 9.73.040 (3)	

Title XIX Advisory Committee Online:

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/apple-health-medicaid/medicaid-title-xix-advisory-committee>

Attendees:

Members:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Busz, Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Milliren, Heather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christian, Ann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Perna, Bob
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doumit, Sophie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	St. Clair, Claudia
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ewart, Hugh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tufte, Janice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Graham, Alec	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marsalli, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HCA Staff:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Campbell, Kodi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Linke, Taylor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chen, Christopher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	McGill, Jason
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kramer, Karin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Venuto, Liz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lindeblad, MaryAnne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Members Review Bring Discuss			
Review/bring/discuss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current agenda and minutes from previous meeting(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes in minutes may be emailed to: Kodi.Campbell@hca.wa.gov		

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Date	Time	Call or In-Person	
March 27, 2020	8:30-9:30am	Conference Call	Telephone
April 9, 2020 *NEW*	9:00-10:00am	Conference Call	Telephone
May 15, 2020	8:30-9:30am	Conference Call	Telephone
July 24, 2020	8:30am-12:00pm	In-Person	Emerald Queen Conference Center - Fife
September 18, 2020	8:30-9:30am	Conference Call	Telephone
November 13, 2020	8:30am-12:00pm	In-Person	Emerald Queen Conference Center - Fife

ACTION ITEMS & DECISIONS

Item	Action Items / Decisions	Assigned to	Completed
1.	Schedule a call for April for another COVID-19 update (4/9/2020, 9am)	Kodi	3/27/2020
2.	Send documents discussed in today's meeting to attendees (embedded in meeting minutes)	Kodi	4/6/2020

MINUTES

Allotted Time	Agenda Items	Lead	Approach
8:30-8:35am	Introductions & New Attendees: Mike Brown & Kodi Campbell, both HCA	MaryAnne Lindeblad	Informational
8:35-8:45am	Federal Asks and Accomplishments Related to COVID-19	Jason McGill, HCA	Informational
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been working hard on getting two waivers (1115 & 1135) approved by CMS. • On March 15, Washington State submitted a request to CMS for Medicaid flexibility under Section 1135. • 1135 Waiver Request Summary points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities & Workforce: waive certain HIPAA requirements that would impede delivery of some crisis response services; • Telehealth: broadly waive any other face-to-face patient/provider or similar requirement; • Financing: waive certain benefit and authorization requirements to reduce barriers to care; • Community Supports: requests immediate approval of our 1115 budget neutrality corrective action plan to ensure Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) are deployed for community supports. • Click here to view the letter sent on March 15, 2020 to Jackie Glaze, CMS • 1115 Waiver request was sent to CMS on March 24. • We were seeking approval to establish a COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund to help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stabilize providers as they rapidly implement new, expanded care delivery sites, modalities and access needed equipment; • confront unprecedented disruption in their workforce and patient revenue; • act quickly to ensure access to testing and care for all residents; and • mitigate the surge in demand for healthcare. • Click here to view the letter sent on March 24, 2020 to Calder Lynch, CMS • Click here for the Governor's proclamation re: Healthcare Worker Licensing • Click here for HCA's COVID-19 website 			
8:45-8:55am	Updates on Eligibility	Taylor Linke, HCA	Informational
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our goal is to ensure we're covering as many lives as possible. • As a part of the <i>Families First Coronavirus Response Act</i>, there is a critical opportunity for states to receive additional money (enhanced federal match rate) to support existing Medicaid clients and expand to cover additional lives. However, with this option comes a set of 5 criteria that states must follow- one of which is to not terminate any clients that were on the books as of March 18th, so that we can ensure continuity of critical coverage during this time period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As a direct result of the above, 17,000 Washingtonians who would have otherwise been disenrolled in March, will get to continue to receive coverage based on this determination. • On March 23, a memo was issued to HCA staff and healthcare partners about temporary changes – Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Eligibility. • On March 26, a memo was issued regarding temporary changes to Classic Apple Health (Medicaid) Eligibility in an effort to maintain continuity of Medicaid coverage. • On March 26, a memo was issued clarifying the Apple Health (Medicaid) terminations and renewals processes post March 18th. 			

- On March 19, we had 1,804,000 newly added Medicaid clients (newly added = within last six months). As of March 27, we have 1,815,000.

8:55-9:05am	Telehealth Update	Chris Chen, HCA	Informational
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- On the policy side, we're well set up to handle telehealth needs.
- Medical and behavioral health providers can offer phone visits for patients which are mapped to outpatient visit rates.
- Educating providers and billers on policy changes and updates and assisting with technical needs.
- Zoom licenses – purchased 2,000 licenses for providers, the program is compliant with HIPAA and we're developing training tips.
- EPIC & OCHIN – offering a scalable mobile solution for communities on the front lines of the pandemic. Highlights:
 - Preparedness & portability: system uses the power of electronic health record technology to support emergency patient care in non-traditional health settings (tents, schools, community centers, etc.);
 - Scalable infrastructure to triage emergency care: patients and volunteers from non-healthcare backgrounds can use their own mobile devices for registration and triage;
 - Public health coordination: patient demographic info is collected during intake so that officials can track the spread and containment of the pandemic;
 - MyChart patient portal for in-home follow-up: patients have the option to sign up for this account to allow for communication and coordination with patients in their own homes; and
 - Care Everywhere electronic health records integration: Info collected in emergency care settings will be sent to patients' existing records at other WA healthcare facilities through EPIC's Care Everywhere platform, which exchanges more than 11,000,000 records each month in our state.
- Janice Tuft shared the following letter with an emergency request for increased lifeline support during the COVID-19 crisis: [Emergency Request Letter](#).
- Here's the outline of discounted internet and phone services in WA state:
 - Comcast** Internet Essentials and other free WIFI services <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>, also [WSMA article](#)
 - T-Mobile** <https://www.t-mobile.com/news/tmobile-connect-launch>
 - Statewide phone information** http://www.lifeline-phones.com/state_providers/WA
 - Seattle discount services Internet** <http://www.seattle.gov/tech/services/internet-access/free-access-to-computers-and-the-internet>
 - Seattle discount phone (and general links)** <http://www.seattle.gov/tech/services/free-and-discounted-devices/discount-smart-phones>
 - Contact info for the media digital communication gap effort:
 - Cheryl A. Leanza (she/hers), Policy Advisor, United Church of Christ, www.uccmediajustice.org, 202-904-2168

9:05-9:20am	COVID-19 updates + Q&A	MaryAnne Lindeblad, HCA	
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- Predicting a surge in confirmed cases over the next 2-3 weeks.
- Pop-up hospital locations being discussed ([Century Link Field](#), hotel in Kent, etc.) to protect vulnerable populations.
- Bob Perna provided a snapshot of the Shoreline overflow field hospital below for information.



- Continuing to support those in need of behavioral health issues including virtual services and classes.
- Still need more Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- On March 22, [Inslee appointed retired Navy Vice Admiral Raquel Bono head of WA State COVID-19 health care response team.](#)
- Ann Christian reminded folks to consider behavioral health providers as first line responders as they work 24/7 in our communities and provide beds for those in need. She wants to ensure we keep supporting these efforts in order to avoid overloading the medical system during this time.

9:20am	Meeting Adjourned	Claudia St. Clair	
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Potential Future Agenda Items
Title XIX Membership & Bylaws Refresh: In progress; Refresh for 2020
7/27/18: Core Measurements Adult/Child Medicaid - there is a work group through the Governor's office that oversees the measures and suggested that Laura Pennington attend a future in-person meeting to discuss the common set of measures, process and structure. [7/8/19 - Laura Pennington, Dr. Zerzan both on vacation]
7/12/19: Bob Marsalli – Dental Managed Care report to legislature [posted on hca.wa.gov; expand, or?]
7/12/19: Bob Marsalli – PI – how it dovetails VBP role; MAL could do update [brief on call or detailed in-person?]
11/13/19: Kristina Sawyckyj - Housing Stabilization Services
11/13/19: Trueblood update [Michael Brown]
11/13/19: 1115 Demonstration Waiver [Chase Napier]
11/13/19: HEP C Eradication [Mary Fliss]
11/13/19: Partnership Access Line for Schools (PALS) [Mary Fliss]
11/13/19: Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) [Alice Lind]