MINUTES

Members Attending

Aaron Wilson           X  Heather Milliren
Claudia St. Clair      X  Janice Tuft
Dean Riskedahl         X  Maria Nardella
Gerald Yorioka         X  Sylvia Gil
Ginger Kwan            X  Tatsuko Go Hollo

X  Thomas Trompeter

X  Wes Henricksen
HCA Staff

X  Alison Robbins      Mary Wood
Amy Blondin            X  MaryAnne Lindeblad
X  Karin Kramer        Nathan Johnson
Mark Provence          X  Preston Cody

X  Taylor Linke
X  Vanessa Balch

Guests

X  Amina Schoski       X  Bob Perna
X  Andrew Busz

Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved

Approval of Minutes
The November 10, 2016 meeting minutes were approved

Wavier update | MaryAnne Lindeblad

We received approval from CMS on January 9th. Vanessa has sent out and we have posted the project toolkit on the HCA website and will be up for public comments until February 2nd. This is a critical component for the ACH’s and their partners. Please take the time to review and provide comments.

As part of are special terms and conditions, we have a number of protocols that we need to develop on specific pieces of the waiver. Some of these are due in 60 days and other will be due in 120 days. More to come…

Schedule of community meetings listed below.

https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAHCA/bulletins/1810d6e.
Kingston, Monday January 30th 1:00 Village Green Community Center
Olympia, Wednesday February 1st, 6:30pm, SPSCC Lacey – Event Center
Tacoma, Wednesday February 8th, 6:30pm, Pierce Community College – Lecture Hall
Seattle, Wednesday February 22nd, 6:30pm, location TBD
Vancouver, Saturday February 25th, early afternoon, location TBD
Mt. Vernon, Wednesday March 1st, 6:30pm, location TBD
Tri Cities, Saturday March 11th, time and location TBD
Spokane, Sunday March 12, 1pm, location TBD
Wenatchee – tentatively set for March 18

If you are unable to attend any of the public forums, we will be holding a webinar, and will send out more information as soon as it is available.

**CMS Managed Care Rules | Taylor Linke**

This is a large set of rules finalized by CMS in May of 2016. This was the first major overhaul of the rules since 2002. There are around 150 different rules that have been updated, which will have staggering effected dates over the next 5 years. We did an initial impact analysis to determine which of these rules would have a high, medium or low impact to HCA. Analysis of all the rules was completed in late 2016. Implementation of the rule changes began in fall of 2016 for those with an effective date of July 2016. The minority of the rules had minimal changes to us. There are a few outstanding rules with effective dates in 2016 that have not been implemented. Those rules require changes to Washington Administrative –Code (WAC). A workgroup has been established to make identified WAC changes.

**Governor’s Budget and Session Updates | MaryAnne Lindeblad**

Several presentations have been shared with different committees on the Medicaid overview. The Medicaid program has had many committee member changes. The Governor’s office will be dropping a significant piece of legislation. This will move the DSHS’ Department of Behavioral Health & Recovery to the Health Care Authority. More to come…

Link to [HB 1388](#) and [SB 5259](#)

**Foster Children in Managed Care –Updates | Alison Robbins**

The Foster Care program move to one managed care plan for all recipients has been implemented now for 10 months. This program covers children in foster care and the adoption support program. This program also helps enroll foster care alumni, young adults up to the age 26, who have aged out of the foster care system, but who are still eligible for health coverage through the expansion group. An area of concern is the lack of education of caregivers, foster
parents and adopted parents about how the program can provide resources and assistance for those with children with special needs. This issue drives calls to the toll-free line, assisting parents with finding providers.

Apple Health Core Connections through Coordinated Care of WA (CCS) offers a very robust care coordination function which alleviates the process of helping children access providers.

In the last couple of months, work has begun to comply with the requirement on HB 1879. This house bill requires us to implement an integrated program by October 2018. Mental health and substance use disorder services will be integrated into our benefit package.

**Agenda Planning for March 24th, 2017 Meeting**

Agreed upon agenda topics include:

- Legislative Update
- Waiver Update
- Network Adequacy Update
- Clinical Data Repository Update
- Health Home program in King and Snohomish County Update
- Invite a Speaker: NAVOS to talk about Integration with the clinics
- ACA update

**Action Items**

- Add to July in-person meeting another update on the Network Adequacy related to the new CMS rules and pediatric availability.


The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Next meeting March 24th at 8:30 AM to Noon | Emerald Queen Casino