Health and Human Services Oversight Committee

Minutes
Friday, April 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Legislative Office Building Room 205-207

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am.

Present: Rep. Pearson, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Weber, Rep. Edwards, Rep. King, Sen. Gray, Rep. Merchant, Sen. Rosenwald, Rep. Murphy

Absent: Sen. Avard

Minutes from 24 March 2023 approved as presented

Next meeting May 19, 2023 at 1:00 pm

DHHS Commissioner Update – Assistant Commissioner Christine Santaniello

Dental (went into effect April 1, 2023)

- 112 Providers – 23 in border states and 89 in NH
- The 23 border state providers are in 12 different locations
- Mobile van in Colebrook April 29th, May 12th and 13th
- Representative Edwards asked for a "Heat Map" to help illustrate the providers coverage area
  - Henry Lipman indicated he has an Excel spreadsheet with towns/cities. Will share in May
- Representative Pearson asked for language regarding the $1,000 bonus means more than 1 patient
  - Henry Lipman will provide at the May 19th meeting

Medicaid Unwind

- "People are in transition" is being used instead of "people are being kicked off"
- NH is one of the first states returning to normal because we had systems in place

SB263 Update - Henry Lipman – FACHE, Director

Representative MacDonald reported the status of SB263 as of the April 26th HHSEA committee meeting

- No decision was made yet
- Numerous amendments being presented
- Sunset is the main topic
  a. 2-year, 6-year or indefinite (permanent)
  b. A 2-year term does not give the ability to negotiate less expensive contracts and puts us at a disadvantage.
  c. Indefinite does not provide the ability to work on short comings of the program
  d. 6-year give us time and effort to set up systems and negotiate better contracts
  e. Henry Lipman is comfortable with a 6-year term and sees and additional 5%-10% costs if left at the 2 year term.
- Bill is being continued at the Executive Session on May 3rd

Retained HB608 – Developmental Services Redesign Implementation Status – Melissa Hardy (Division Director)

- How do we keep costs the same – this is not a cost savings initiative
- Plan going forward (individual stakeholders)
  - Meeting with local/area agencies with collaboration in mind
  - Sending out surveys to get feedback

Developmental Disabilities and Acquired Brain Disorder – Melissa Hardy – Director, Division of Long Term Supports and Services and Sandy Feroz Director, Bureau of Developmental Services

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- DD waitlist – an overview was provided for the quarter ending March 31, 2023

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Annual Report – Michael Holt, Administrator, Division of Public Health Services

- Michael Holt presented the annual report - 2022 was the year of transition
- Highlights from the report:
    - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) was transferred from OPLC to DHHS
    - Use Zip-3 Map to capture data
    - NarxCare
        - Opioids and Sedatives prescriptions decreased while Stimulants increased
        - PDMP data is more visually interactive
        - Risk factors based on patients prescription history
    - Gateway Integration
        - Improved access
        - Realized time savings
        - Increased use
        - Better data visibility

HB127 (2019) State Office of Rural Health (SORH) Annual Report – Danielle Hernandez, Administrator, Division of Public Health Services – Dr. Jessica Sogna, Sr. Public Analysis

- Handed out an Executive Report summarizing the 54-page report. Highlights include:
    - Primary care access and health outcomes worse in rural areas
    - Mental health practitioner workforce report will be released in 2023
    - Health Professions Data Center data analyst position yet to be filled causing these reports will be released every 2-years
    - Advanced Practice Nurse Registered Nurse (APRN) and Psychologist just breaking even with loss/gain active licenses
- 4-year report will be submitted June 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 12:29 am

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