Health and Human Services Oversight Committee

Minutes
Friday, October 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Legislative Office Building Room 205-207

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am.

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

Absent: Rep. Murphy, Sen. Rosenwald,

Minutes from 22 September 2023 were revised to include Rep. Edwards excused for medical reasons and otherwise accepted as presented

Next meeting December 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Nomination: Jay Gupta – Adjunct member of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Dementia Subcommittee

- Jay Gupta was nominated by Chairman Pearson and appointed to the committee – no vote needed
- Jeff Salloway was recognized as a non-voting member of the committee

Review 2023 Reporting Requirements:

- John Williams reviewed a list of 2023 reporting requirements
- The following were ones identified as needing DHHS Oversight stewardship
    - HB2, Chapter 79:207
    - HB2, Chapter 79:429
    - HB2, Chapter 79:532
    - HB2, Chapter 79:573
    - HB2, Chapter 79:576
    - HB642, Chapter 199
- HB2, Chapter79:207 transferred to Department of Labor

DHHS Commissioner's Update – Deputy Commissioner Morissa Henn

- Jeff Fleisher was introduced by the Deputy Commissioner and he presented his vision for Division for Children, Youth and Families
    - Jeff has led youth advocacy groups for 40 years
    - Build on existing level of care that currently exists
    - Build a continuum of care for the 2%
    - Develop advocates and mentors
    - Unrolling a pilot program where mentors are paid community members where the kids at risk live
- Currently 70% of kids leaving the Youth Development Center return within a year
- Dr. Chen is currently working on a letter questioning whether youth under 18 needing the COVID19 vaccine

Medicaid Update Suggestions – Presented by the Honorable Ken Snow

- Very simple solution that sounds very complex

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- Waive MOE adjustments/paybacks during the Medicaid Unwind period to partially compensate the CMHCs for lost revenue
- Help facilitate better communications through:
  - DHHS District Offices provide periodic lists of recipients in eligible and in need
  - CMHC staff to provide status of missing data and/or documentation
  - CMHC staff to provide information needed for redetermination

Medicaid Unwind Update – Henry Lipman, FACHE, Medicaid Director

- The goal of the Medicaid Unwind is to continue providing Medicaid services to those who need it and are still eligible
- Director Lipman presented the DHHS approach to the continuous enrollment
  - Unwind Readiness – Empower clients and community partners to renew and update contact information
  - Unwind Strategy – Prioritize maximum healthcare access
  - Coverage Continuity – Help those who are no longer qualified find alternative coverage quickly

Medicaid Adult Dental – Sarah Finne, DMD, MPH, Medicaid Director

- 8,000 unique member served to date
- Continuing to recruit oral surgeons to improve coverage currently at 20 of the 39 oral surgeons participating
- Using dental codes to track no shows
- Sullivan County is a concern and recently added to the mobile service

SB292 Annual Report on Implementation of the NH 10-year Mental Healthy Plan – Julianne Carbin Deputy Director and Wendi Aultman, Bureau Chief

- Focused discussion on 4 of the 12 goals:
  - Expand coordinated continuum of care
  - Increase community education
  - Intervene earlier though prevention and early intervention strategies
  - Cultivate and maintain a high quality workforce
- Managing by exception

HB2 Chapter 79:532 – Review Draft Plan Public Awareness Campaign on Brain Health – Wendi Aultman, Bureau Chief

- Completed the first steps of the plan – creating a draft plan and reviewing with the Alzheimer's Association
- There is an estimated 26,000 individuals living with Alzheimer's and this is expected to increase 23% by 2025
- The campaign will focus on symptoms, treatments, service availability and resources
- Wendi Aultman will be on the subcommittee and will report to the committee

Meeting Adjourned at 12:01 pm

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