

Title XIX Advisory Committee

Committee Members:

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#	Agenda Items	Time	Lead	Notes/Handouts
1.	Roll call and welcome new members	10:00am	Claudia St. Clair, Chair	
2.	Approval of 11/13/2020 meeting minutes	10:10am	MaryAnne Lindeblad	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved 				
3.	Vaccine Update	10:15am	Christopher Chen	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1A started back in December – rolled out to healthcare workers and individuals in long-term care homes. Challenge with supply, trying to get out as broadly as we can. HCA has been supporting vaccine distribution collaboratively with DOH and DSHS, ensuring the Medicaid population has access to the vaccine as well as assisting providers with billing and provider enrollment coding. Billing for Medicare, commercial plans and Medicaid can be complex – we want to facilitate that and make things as easy as possible. We are looking at providing technical assistance and webinars. There are multiple channels being considered for vaccine distribution, through hospitals, health systems, clinics, pharmacies, employer-based clinics, etc. Pop-up community vaccination sites, max vaccination clinics and mobile teams can bring the vaccine out to those who may be homebound. Want to ensure we have the equity perspective in mind to ensure the most vulnerable population has access to the vaccine. 				
4.	Legislative Update	10:25am	MaryAnne Lindeblad	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early in session – several bills are being heard. Important conversations are happening around health equity issues and equity in all services the state provides. 				



- Several bills have been introduced that have impacts on the behavioral health system.
- There is a bill requesting extending post-partum coverage under Medicaid to 12 months (from 2 months).
- Bill requesting dental therapy aides to provide services to tribal members and get paid through Medicaid.
- We have 13 pages of bills that we are analyzing at the agency level.
- Will spend more time at the next meeting for a more in-depth discussion of the bills that appear to have more traction.
- Testimony is being delivered virtually this year, very busy, long session.
- Ann C – HB1182 national 988 suicide prevention line that got passed by congress and signed by Trump before he left office is an opportunity to create an alternative parallel and integrated crisis response line for people who are experiencing mental health and/or addiction disorder crises. Goal of trying to decriminalize these kinds of crises, minimize impact with law enforcement and get people more quickly into treatment support and help. We are supportive of the intent but have concerns with how expansive the bill has become.
- Jeb - Medical Association priorities this year: telemedicine bill – bill passed last year and was effective January 1. This audio only proposal would require insurance carriers pay at parity for audio only calls. And reimbursement for personal protective equipment (PPE) – SB 5169. PPE suppliers price gouged providers. Bill would allow a provider to bill insurance carriers and reimbursed for the expense, using the new code created for the Medicare program.
- Emily – adult dental Medicaid – in a better position than they thought a few months ago, want to maintain that benefit.
- Emily – disappointed in CMS’s decision, HCA plans to appeal.
- Brad – biggest priorities: SB 5246 Medicaid Parity Bill; post-partum Medicaid extension; and budget requests for the partnership access line through Seattle Children’s private psychiatric clinical support for providers.
- HB 1120 – request legislation from DSHS, provide flexibilities needed to address long-term care worker (LTCW) qualification issue that has been created through the pandemic. LTCWs must complete a certain # of hours of training within the first 120 days of their employment, pass a certification exam and a background check. These requirements were not all possible with the stay home, stay safe orders. We have 14,000 workers that have been able to continue working in nursing homes, assisted living, and adult family homes because of Governor proclamations. Recently the legislature extended those flexibilities, but ultimately, we need rule-making authority to be able to create rules in times of natural disaster and pandemics to create alternative time frames. If we do not get that all these workers become disqualified 120 days after the public health emergency ends. There’s not enough time or capacity to clear the backlog in 120 days.
- Ann C – Concerned about recommendation in Governor’s budget is to close multiple wards at the state psychiatric hospitals. 11 wards are proposed for closure, that applies to 130 beds and a savings of \$108 million. On the community side, there is a \$13 million investment for planning for capacity, but there is a huge mismatch in terms of bed capacity. We are worried about the disconnect and what would happen if we lose that many involuntary treatment beds without having corresponding capacity in alternative settings.

5.	COVID Update	10:35am	MaryAnne Lindeblad	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing utilization patterns going back to normal, use of telehealth – lots of opportunities – particularly on the behavioral health side, numbers continuing to grow, concern about capacity, biggest issue getting immunizations quickly. Working with our health plans and with our community partners to make sure individuals will be able to get immunized effectively and quickly. • Opportunities through CARES Act dollars to send more funding to providers who served a significant number of Medicaid clients. Some will receive payments today, some were sent last Friday - not large amounts, but can be used for COVID-related expenses and support activities from Mar-Dec 2020. • The official public health emergency declaration was renewed, runs through April 21, 2021. We are required to maintain Medicaid enrollment to everyone on Medicaid case load since March 2020. 				
6.	Election for new Advisory Committee Chair	10:45am	MaryAnne Lindeblad	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudia has been in this role for the past 12 years (thank you, Claudia). • Chair duties include about an hour of prep prior to the meeting, review minutes from previous meetings, ensure we keep on time during the meetings, attend all meetings, keep agenda items on track. • At least a two-year commitment, longer if possible. • ACTION: Kodi send a reminder in a few weeks if we do not receive any volunteers, Janice may be interested in co-chairing, need to have someone in place before March meeting. 				
7.	Wrap-up	10:55am	MaryAnne Lindeblad	



- Suggest agenda items for March meeting – topics, updates you would like to receive – open it up to what you want to hear. Opportunities and suggestions about how program is/is not working.
- Ann – for March meeting - COVID updates, Vaccine updates – confusion and frustration with getting vaccines, come prepared to talk about own experiences.
- Janice – SUD overdose at last meeting, 42 ODs in King Co. in first two weeks of January. Statewide update on substance use disorder, active outreach in schools, methamphetamine.
- Redeterminations – process going forward – update on public health emergency.
- Janice - Collection of health data and how organizations are using that info.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Kodi – schedule orientation for new members with MaryAnne before March meeting (*March 8, 130pm*)
- Kodi – send reminder to advisory committee seeing chair position if we do not receive volunteer(s) (*Bob Marsalli volunteered*)
- Kodi – end of February – call for agenda items (*complete*)

Meeting adjourned 11:00am

