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Rural Provider Access and Affordability Advisory Committee
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
Via Zoom, passcode 279779

November 4, 2022, 1:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

➤ Michelle Mills, Chair, 1:03 pm

➤ Members Present: Angela Koch, Michelle Mills, Jeanie Gentry, Nancy Dolson, Kelea Nardini, Steve Holloway, Zach Weiderspon, Stephanie Pugliese

➤ Members Excused: Beth Saxton

➤ HCPF Employees Present: Anthony Ciaramella, Nancy Dolson, Shay Lyon, Angela Ukoha, Tyler Samora, Phoebe Hawley

2. Approve Minutes from 10/21/2022 Meeting

➤ Committee Members, 1:05 pm

➤ Angela Koch motions to approve. Kelea Nardini seconds.

➤ Minutes approved unanimously.

3. Final Reviews for Board Action

➤ Committee Members, 1:05pm

➤ Presentation of slide deck (see handout).

➤ Eligibility Criteria Questions slide review

- Grant types: list of acceptable project categories.

- Budget: added information about grantee responsibility, quotes for construction and equipment costs. Example template shown on following slide of the handout explaining what categories should be defined. An "N/A" entry is acceptable for irrelevant categories to applicants.

- Projected timeline to be provided by applicants. DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies to be defined.

- Age of plant/equipment and financial health

- Medicare and Medicaid caseloads: added section for clarity of point system. Map provided (see presentation handout).

- Impact to affordability and access to be explained by applicants, such as access to specialty care, improving acre coordination, and

partner engagement. There is also an added section allowing applicants to propose a different timeline for their project, if necessary. Suggestion to revise language of improving care coordination for clarity to include keeping care local.

- ➢ Scorecard review, 1:26pm
    - Revisions made from suggestions last meeting: components to be scored as weighted. Partner engagement included, but not included in the final score. Maximum score of ten.
    - Committee generally feels that the scorecard is comprehensive and weighted correctly. One suggestion was made to provide a framework explaining what would make a score fall into the category of 1 to 5 to curb possible discrepancies between reviewers' opinions.
- ➢ Overarching recommendations, 1:33pm
    - Suggestions for additional recommendations: HCPF could provide assistance for effectively filling out the application via workshop.

4. Review Reporting Requirements

- ➢ Committee Members, 1:35pm
- ➢ The reporting timeline will be the 10 days following the end of each quarter.
- ➢ The Office of the State Controller Subrecipient Quarterly Report Workbook will be utilized to inform the reporting process.
- ➢ Will the reporting be required to continue into September 2026? How many quarters will be mandated for reporting?

5. Public comment

- ➢ 1:40pm
- ➢ Dr. Sami Diab: appreciates the committee's work. Suggestion to include a section to allow for partner facilities to combine resources for joint projects. This is included in the partnership section in the eligibility criteria.
- ➢ Lynne Jones (in chat): Is there consideration about whether or not a hospital/community is seeking additional ARPA funds through other sources to augment their efforts under this bill? Included in the budget section of eligibility criteria.

6. Board Action Items

- ➢ 1:42pm
- ➢ Jeanie Gentry motions, Zach Weiderspon seconds.
- ➢ The Committee unanimously approves the criteria and scorecard.

7. Next Steps and Adjourn

➢ 1:43pm

➢ Draft rule publishing and review, November 18, 2022.

➢ Public rule review, December 2022.

➢ Medical Services board rule hearings, December/January 2023.

➢ Adjourned 1:46pm.

8. Next meeting

➢ 11/18/2022, 1:00 P.M. via Zoom

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