



Meeting Minutes
State Medical Assistance and Services Advisory Council
(“NightMAC”)
Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

Location: Remote (Zoom)

September 25, 2024, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Attendees: Ryan Lazo (HCPF), Sarah Davis (HCPF), Adela Flores-Brennan (HCPF), Kimberley Jackson, DO (committee member), Ron DeVries, MSHA (committee member) Josina Romero O'Connell, MD (committee member), Nicole Tuffield (HCPF), Diane Ream (committee member), Lisa Rothgery (HCPF), Jill Schnathorst (HCPF), Matthew Bohanan (HCPF)

Public Guests: Barbara Bishop, Jennifer Robins, Alisha Geiwitz, Kim Iles, Paige Trahan, Rachael Brown

Call to Order

- **Introductions:** Committee members introduced themselves.
- **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Lacked quorum, so approval of minutes was held over to the next meeting.
- **Agenda Review:** Adela reviewed the agenda and moved into department updates.

Department Updates

1. Introduction of HCPF Chief Medical Officer Dr. Lisa Rothgery

Presented by: Adela Flores-Brennan, HCPF

- Dr. Lisa Rothgery introduced herself, providing an overview of her background in family medicine and leadership roles in value-based care programs.
- She emphasized her commitment to integrating behavioral health and serving Medicaid members in her current role.

2. 1115 Waiver Renewal Public Hearing

Presented by: Nicole Tuffield, HCPF

- Nicole presented the key elements of the 1115 Waiver renewal, including substance use disorder services, presumptive eligibility for long-term care, and amendments to health-related social needs (housing and nutrition).
- [Public Hearing #2 registration link](#)



- Feedback email: hcpf_1115waiver@state.co.us (Feedback is being accepted until 10/9/24.)
- Public Comments were taken by Nicole

3. Member Correspondence Improvements Webinars Overview

Presented by: Sarah Davis, HCPF

- Sarah announced upcoming webinars on October 9 focusing on member correspondence improvements, specifically the Notice of Action letter and the renewal packet.
- Two sessions will be held, and both will offer Spanish and ASL interpretation.
- **Webinar Dates:** October 9 at 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM.
 - [Registration for the 2:00 PM webinar](#)
 - [Registration for the 5:00 PM webinar](#)

4. NightMAC Transition Updates

Presented by: Adela Flores-Brennan, HCPF

- Discussion about the upcoming sunset of the current NightMAC and relaunch in 2025 under new federal rules.
- **Ron DeVries** requested clearer definitions of advocacy groups for the new committee application process.
- The final meeting will be in November 2024, and a celebration of the committee's efforts is planned.
- **Adela Flores-Brennan** will present a draft of the new committee application in November.

Adjourn

- 6:37 PM

Action Items:

- **Nicole Tuffield** will follow up with **Kimberley Jackson** regarding reimbursement for mental health inpatient stays.
- **Nicole Tuffield** will follow up with **Kim Iles** regarding the update to the tailored meals eligibility table.
- **Adela Flores-Brennan** will develop a framework for the new committee application to be presented during the November meeting.

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