



Advisory Committee on Medicaid Innovation (ACMI)

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

NAME	TITLE	STATE AGENCY
Ross Armstrong	Administrator	Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)
Gillian Barclay	Committee Chair Academic Health Specialist	Office of the President, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)
Suzanne Bierman	Administrator	Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
Sara Chalhagian	Executive Director	Patient Protection Commission (PPC)
Tina Dortch	Program Manager	Office of Minority Health and Equity
Heather Korbolic	Executive Director	Silver State Health Insurance Exchange
Christy McGill	Director	Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment
Laura Rich	Executive Officer	Public Employee Benefits Program (PEBP)
Barbara Richardson	Commissioner of Insurance	Division of Insurance (DOI)
Lisa Sherych	Administrator	Division of Public and Behavioral Health Services (DPBH)

Committee Members NOT Present:

NAME	TITLE	STATE AGENCY
Michael Brown	Executive Director	Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)
Joe Garcia	Chief of Program Operations	Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)
Marc Johnson	President	University of Nevada, Reno Medical School (UNR)
Dena Schmidt	Administrator	Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)
Brian Williams	Deputy Director of Programs	Department of Corrections (DOC)

Recorder: Aida Blankenship, Executive Assistant, DHCFP

TOPIC / AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
I. Roll Call/Verification of Posting	ACMI meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. 10 Committee members were present, therefore there was a quorum. The agenda was posted on July 17, 2020 on the DHCFP public facing site (dhcfp.nv.gov). This Committee was formed under NRS 422.162 and 422.165.	
II. Public Comment	Public comment was solicited at this time, but none was offered.	
STANDING ITEMS:		
III. Opening Remarks & Introductions (Dr. Gillian Barclay, Chair) a. Overview of Agenda and Welcome b. Brief Introduction (Committee Members, Alphabetical Order by Last Name)	<p>Dr. Gillian Barclay, ACMI Chair, provided opening remarks and sentiment of the variety of leadership within the ACMI. Dr. Barclay encouraged the committee to use this committee to collaborate on and voice their innovative ideas and solutions to make a difference in Nevada. Dr. Barclay then did a brief overview of the agenda and announced each ACMI member to give their introductions.</p> <p>Committee members were called in alphabetical order by Aida Blankenship.</p>	<p><i>Dr. Gillian Barclay, ACMI Chair</i></p>
IV. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes for June 24, 2020 Meeting	<p>Dr. Gillian Barclay, ACMI Chair invited Committee members to make a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 24, 2020.</p> <p>Suzanne Bierman, Administrator, DHCFP, made the motion to approve the minutes.</p> <p>Lisa Sherych, Administrator, DPBH, seconded the motion.</p> <p>Dr. Barclay asked that all those in favor say “Aye,” no Committee members opposed this motion. Meeting minutes from the June 24, 2020 ACMI meeting were approved.</p>	<p><i>Dr. Gillian Barclay, ACMI Chair</i></p>
V. For Possible Action: Discussion and Approval of Letter to Nevada Patient Protection Commission from Advisory Committee on Medicaid Innovation, Including Possible Bill Draft Subject Suggestions	<p>Homa Woodrum, Deputy Attorney General (DAG), provided an overview of the process and how the ACMI can effectively communicate with the PPC.</p> <p>Barbara Richardson, Commissioner of Insurance, DOI: Any information is helpful from both sides. One thing I would point out, is that ACMI needs to be on the admitted and commercial market for insurance in general that telemedicine has made a huge difference in patients lives, especially behavioral services. This has made a big impact in Nevada’s rural areas. If</p>	<p><i>Homa Woodrum, Deputy Attorney General (DAG) drafted the letter as ACMI provided suggestions and comments.</i></p>

there is some way that the ACMI can work with federal delegates to ensure HIPPA policies are in place to keep telemedicine post pandemic.

Suzanne Bierman, Administrator, DHCFP, I would like to echo Commissioner Richardson's comments on telehealth. It has been a key and critical delivery system during this pandemic and will be post pandemic. We are supportive of that idea and have been working with other State Medicaid agencies to try to support that idea at the federal level through our national associations of medical directors.

Dr. Gillian Barclay, ACMI Chair, would like to make a recommendation to Commissioner Richardson to use the term "telehealth" instead of "telemedicine" and wanted to confirm that was permissible.

Commissioner Richardson confirmed that using the term "telehealth" is permissible. Commissioner Richardson also explained that there are some technicalities when people use their phones, and that the bigger idea would be to create alternative ways for providers and consumers to interact with each other.

Tina Dortch, Program Manager, Office of Minority Health and Equity, asked the Committee to consider a topic that may have not been relevant to the current BDR. Data collection, Ms. Dortch shared that her legislative advisor is moving aggressively to elevate data collection activities. Ms. Dortch asked if it was premature to solicit this idea to the group or if appropriate for this BDR.

Ross Armstrong, Administrator, DCFS, asked what is the extent the PPC can advocate with the ACMI for data sharing? It is critical for us to target areas where we want to innovate and evaluate how ACMI's efforts are going.? Administrator Armstrong put emphasis on data quality and the analytics piece, stating they are both critical.

Dr. Barclay asked ACMI if data collection should be separate from data sharing. Dr. Barclay does not think Ms. Dortch's suggestion is premature and that whatever the ACMI proposes can be evidence driven. Dr. Barclay stated that she agrees with Administrator Armstrong. ACMI needs to be critical when looking at issues of social determinants of health and access to

insurance and care, it is critical to figure out how to share data across different sectors.

Ms. Dortch clarified that under data collection that ACMI should work to integrate the intersectoral value of having more granular data, which would make for more powerful reporting and programming.

Commissioner Richardson wanted to caution ACMI about rural areas and data sharing so that people are not being singled out. Commissioner Richardson pointed out that data collection should be done on a granular level, but not so much data sharing.

Sara Cholhagian, Executive Director, PPC shared that all suggestions from ACMI thus far are within the jurisdiction of the PPC. PPC met Monday, July 20, 2020 and voted unanimously to narrow the focus of one of their BDRs to utilize one of the BDRs to enhance patient health care experience and outcomes by implementing transparency measures to help understand data trends. Anything to help PPC narrow that focus is helpful. PPC can present up to three BDRs.

Dr. Antonina Capurro, Nevada State Dental Health Officer, provided a written comment to include teledentistry in the discussion of telehealth.

Dr. Barclay agreed that teledentistry should be explicit.

Ms. Dortch supported including data transparency in the letter to PPC.

Christy McGill, Director, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, provided a suggestion to another avenue to alternative methods for provider and consumer interaction/communication. Director McGill stated that telehealth has made an impact on improving lives and equity, especially in the urban and rural areas. Director McGill suggested to explore creative partnerships between providers and schools and tightening that connection. In other states when this connection is strong absenteeism decreases, chronic conditions are better maintained when they are strong, and innovative partnerships play a role in quality care.

	<p>Dr. Barclay pointed out that pediatric populations in NV health care is through schools. Dr. Barclay inquired if there was an opportunity for innovation around that population as schools are switching to virtual learning for at least the first 90 days.</p> <p>Administrator Bierman said she would reach out to the Medicaid team for additional information to inform this addition to the PPC letter.</p> <p>Director McGill stated that there are several layers of school-based health and that communication and distribution of that communication is going to be key when students are participating in virtual learning. Director McGill also pointed out the importance that we use this disruption of service to innovate and be very intentional learning from this disruption of services.</p> <p>Administrator Bierman added to Director McGill’s point and suggested to incorporate health equity.</p> <p>Dr. Barclay added to the first two bullets to point out how care is delivered, and the importance of how care is being delivered that is more value based. The more value based the more centered on patient care to improve health outcomes.</p> <p>Administrator Armstrong made a motion to approve the letter to the PPC. And to delegate to staff and Chair Barclay to make any grammatical or formatting changes before submitting to the PPC.</p> <p>Ms. Dortch seconded the motion to approve letter to the PPC.</p> <p>Dr. Barclay asked that all those in favor say “Aye,” Sara Cholhagian was the only member that abstained as it is a conflict of interest. Committee members opposed this motion. The letter to the PPC was approved.</p>	
<p>VI. Introduction of Draft Bylaws (Homa S. Woodrum, Deputy Attorney General) (Discussion Only)</p>	<p>Homa Woodrum, Deputy Attorney General (DAG), provided an overview of the ACMI Bylaws draft.</p> <p>Tina Dortch, Program Manager, Office of Minority Health and Equity, pointed out that because ACMI is dedicated to innovative thought would like to discuss the bylaw stating unlimited term limits and whether that keeps ACMI innovative.</p>	<p><i>Homa Woodrum, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)</i></p>

	<p>Ms. Woodrum explained that the bylaw regarding term limits was included because under the statute the composition of membership must be based on executive branch of Divisions. ACMI can decide if they want to rotate that individual from that Division or reach out to other Division executives to serve a term.</p> <p>Ms. Dortch encouraged having a baseline profile and allow new agencies or other points of contact to be reflected in the body.</p> <p>Ms. Woodrum pointed out that ACMI can add other members as non-voting members that are not a part of the executive branch.</p> <p>Ms. Dortch suggested having an open position that is community driven to ensure vulnerable populations have a voice.</p> <p>Ms. Woodrum proposed the ACMI to send any additions/suggestions of the bylaws to Aida Blankenship to incorporate into a future agenda.</p> <p>Ross Armstrong suggested to include deadlines once ACMI looks at budget timelines, etc. so that ACMI is aware of deadline when recommendations need to be sent to Director Richard Whitley of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).</p>	
<p>VII. Standing Agenda Item:</p> <p>a. For Possible Action: Discussion of Future Meeting Dates;</p> <p>b. For Possible Action: Discussion of Potential Agenda Items</p> <p>c. For Possible Action: Presentations for Future Meetings</p>	<p>Sara Chohagian, Executive Director, PPC, informed the Committed that the PPC is having meeting every other Monday in August (August 3rd, 17th and 31st).</p> <p>Aida Blankenship confirmed that ACMI has quarterly meetings already scheduled for September 30, 2020 and December 16, 2020.</p> <p>Dr. Gillian Barclay, ACMI Chair, asked the Committee if they felt it necessary to meet before the next scheduled quarterly meeting on September 30, 2020.</p> <p>Ross Armstrong, Administrator, DCFS, explained that a special meeting could be necessary prior to the MCO RFP project at NV Medicaid.</p>	<p><i>ACMI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation from Hawaii and/or Colorado's Medicaid teams on the Social Determinants of Health: housing, food and security • Future budget cuts that will replace services

Suzanne Bierman, Administrator, DHCFP, informed the group that NV Medicaid has the rest of 2020 to shape RFP and that they would benefit from ACMI's input, but that September 30 is a good timeframe. Administrator Bierman also informed ACMI that a formal letter of suggestions could be submitted.

Dr. Barclay asked about the process of subcommittees and if subcommittees need to be written in the bylaws.

Homa Woodrum, DAG, recommended for ACMI to complete bylaws first.

Dr. Barclay asked Ms. Chalhagian if ACMI needs to assist PPC in any way prior to August 31st.

Sara Chalhagian, Executive Director, PPC, suggests that her and Chair Barclay connect after the next PPC meeting (August 3, 2020) to confirm if a special meeting is necessary.

Barbara Richardson, Commissioner of Insurance, DOI, requested some discussion on some of the innovative ideas out of HI and CO regarding housing opportunities for Medicaid recipients that would benefit from these services. Commissioner Richardson would like to see and track how innovations are affecting those populations.

Dr. Barclay asked if Commissioner Richardson had any recommendations for a presenter.

Administrator Bierman said that she could reach out to HI or CO Medicaid team for a more focused presentation on this topic, or if ACMI would like to broaden this to social determinants? Or broaden as a standing agenda item.

Dr. Barclay explained that there are models that address food, security and housing. The approach of social determinants of health might be more advisable and not just housing.

Christy McGill, Director, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, would like to include any budget cuts that will replace services.

- Medicaid 101 – NV Medicaid team

	<p>Dr. Barclay asked the Committee about included a Medicaid 101 brief presentation for the next meeting.</p> <p>Tina Dortch, Program Manager, Office of Minority Health and Equity, asked that Medicaid speak on the difference between the two programs (Medicaid v. Medicare).</p> <p>Administrator Bierman confirmed the NV Medicaid team is willing to do a Medicaid 101 presentation in future.</p>	
Open Discussion		
VIII. Public Comment	<p>Phillip Burrell, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, announced an opportunity for providers suffering financially through the pandemic to apply for the provider relief fund on the hhs.gov site. The deadline for the provider relief fund is August 3, 2020. The US DHHS announced distribution of approximately \$15 Billion for Medicaid programs. Eligibility is stated on the hhs.gov provider relief fund page where the portal is setup and providers will be able to pull all their information. There will be a webcast on Monday, July 27, 2020 to walk providers through the application process and what documents they will need to provide.</p>	<i>Phillip Burrell, Deputy Administrator, DHCFP</i>
IX. Meeting Adjourned:	<p>Suzanne Bierman, Administrator, DHCFP made the motion to adjourn the July 24, 2020 ACMI meeting.</p> <p>Tina Dortch, Program Manager, Office of Minority Health and Equity, seconded the motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	September 30, 2020 at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	

Minutes Prepared By: Aida Blankenship

Date: 08/27/2020