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Medicaid Advisory Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: August 13, 2025 – 1:00PM

Name of Organization: The Nevada Health Authority – Division of Nevada Medicaid

Place of Meeting: 4070 Silver Sage Dr. Carson City, NV 89701; Teams Meeting

Committee Members' Present:

Bill Sims
Azraella Gravelle
Grace Larkins
Kaelani Queen
Brooke Blanco
Ann Jensen, Medicaid Administrator
Dawn Lyons
Dr. Mediwala
Dr. Gomez
Casey Melvin
Shawna Derousse
Brook Greenly
Kim Gahagan
Nicole King

Ex Officio Members' Present:

Sarah Dearborn
Robert Thompson
Rique Robb
Marla McDade Williams

Absent Members':

John Phoenix
Dr. Todd Gray
Sharon Austin-Moffett

AGENDA

1. Call to order

Erica McAllister called this meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

2. Roll Call

Jonathan Figueroa conducted roll call. A quorum was established.

3. Public Comment

Jonathan called for public comment. There were no public comments made.

4. Committee member introductions

Jonathan requested committee members introduce themselves and say a few words about themselves as a means of introduction to other members.

5. Overview of Medicaid Advisory Committee

Nevada Medicaid Administrator, Ann Jensen, opened with a Medicaid 101 presentation giving MAC members an overview of how Medicaid works in the state of Nevada. The presentation covered the history of the program, service delivery for beneficiaries, mandatory and optional state plan benefits, and an overview of the Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) & Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC).

6. Discussion of Chair & Vice-Chair

Administrator Jensen discussed the Chair & Vice-Chair positions along with the duties of the positions. Administrator Jensen asked that any members interested in serving in the Chair or Vice Chair position to let the MAC Support Team know by August 27, 2025. The chair and vice chair are appointed positions.

7. Administrator's Report by Ann Jensen

- a. 83rd Legislative Session
 - i. MAC members were informed that legislative sessions occur every other year on odd numbered years.
 - ii. Members were informed that out of 176 Medicaid related bills that were submitted, 43 were passed during session.

- iii. Bills that could impact services, access or rates may be brought to the MAC for feedback at future meetings.
 - iv. MAC members were invited to identify specific bills or topics they would like to receive updates on or provide feedback about.
 - v. Committee members shared their background and experiences related to the legislative process including but not limited to bill advocacy.
- b. Statewide Managed Care
- i. Beginning January 1st, 2026, approximately 70,000 individuals in rural counties will transition from Fee-For Service (FFS) to Managed Care.
 - ii. In rural areas, CareSource and SilverSummit Healthplan will be the two plans offered.
 - iii. Members were asked what would be helpful for members transitioning from FFS to a Managed Care plan. Nevada Medicaid would like to make this transition as smooth as possible. Committee members were also asked to provide feedback on how the state should be thinking about communicating with recipients in the rural areas regarding Statewide Managed Care.
 - iv. A recap was provided by committee member Azraella Gravelle regarding communicating with members about the transition to an MCO which was discussed in the BAC meeting held earlier that morning. Members recommend a multi-channel approach including email, NV Medicaid App notifications, regular mail, and in-clinic announcements to ensure timely and effective communication with beneficiaries.
 - v. Staff from SilverSummit & CareSource have been traveling throughout rural Nevada informing beneficiaries of the upcoming changes.
- c. Children's Behavioral Health Transformation
- i. An overview was provided of the recent U.S. Department of Justice finding that Nevada was out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), specifically the Olmstead provision.

- ii. The DOJ found that children with behavioral health disabilities were being unnecessarily institutionalized due to insufficient access to home and community-based services.
- iii. A settlement with the DOJ was reached earlier this year to address these issues and improve services. The state is in the process of developing additional home and community-based services to support children in receiving necessary care within their home and communities. Additionally, Nevada is currently designing a specialty managed care plan specifically tailored for this population of children. The plan aims to provide targeted support and services to meet their unique needs. The anticipated launch date for the new specialty managed care plan is January 1, 2027.

8. Discussion of MAC Bylaws

Bylaws were presented to the committee by MAC Support Staff, Nahayvee Flores-Rosiles, for feedback or edits to the draft MAC bylaws. No feedback or edits were brought up by committee members.

9. Possible vote on MAC Bylaws

- a. Bill Sims made a motion to adopt the MAC Bylaws as written. Administrator Jensen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Next Meeting

November 10th, 2025, at 1:00PM in the southern region, Las Vegas. MAC Support staff will send details regarding the location to committee members.

11. Public Comment

- Public comment made by Deanna Yates, “Is it possible for providers to receive a list of patients who will be transitioning from the fee for service to an MCO or be reassigned to a different MCO in January? Having a list in advance would help us identify which patients will be affected and prepare accordingly. We received

similar lists last time from the MCO's a while ago and it was extremely helpful in ensuring a smooth transition for patients." BAC/MAC support staff will investigate this and follow up with an email to Deanna.

- Public comment made by Dr. Tracy Green, "I serve as the chief medical officer for the CareSource Nevada Plan. I am very happy to be here and welcome the Medicaid Advisory Committee and Director Jensen. We are coming to you. We want you all to know that our road show begins on Monday morning and CareSource will be in your rural community sometime over the next 4 weeks. We're excited to be traveling with the with the state joining us in many of the locations. We want you to know that we're also hiring locally, so we will be both in your community and hiring from your community. I'm happy to say that our Nevada team, our goal is to have 100% local to Nevada. Again, I also want to share with you that we will have a QR code that we will be working on today that will be an easy way to access all our current documents, our network and we will have local provider relations team members in your communities to provide immediate access. So, we look forward to multiple times seeing you in your community. We'll have single points of contact and if possible, we'd like to present even further at the next committee meeting if it's an appropriate agenda topic. So, thank you for letting me share a little about CareSource today, and as the first and only nonprofit, we know our mission is aligned with your mission and we look forward to serving the entire state. Thank you."
- Public comment made by Committee member Gravelle, "I'd like to commend Dr. Tracy Green for presenting and I would like to have both SilverSummit and CareSource be able to be a topic on our next meeting."
- Public comment made by JC Flowers, "I would like to commend both SilverSummit and CareSource. They've been working very closely with us for the rural expansion, so they've done a really good job getting information to us. If we could also know ahead of time what communities you're going to that would be helpful for us. What's happening is that you'll go out and present to the

communities and forums and then they're (recipients) are going to come to the providers with questions. We can make sure our staff is educated and has all the information that they need so that the patients can directly get that from us. Any communication from the state when you all are going out would be appreciated."

- Public comment made by Natalie Filipic, "I am a parent and grandparent of individuals with disability and a Medicaid recipient also. I just wanted to thank the committee for including a family voice as a committee member. It's just so important to have that component when making decisions about services and support for children and families. So, thank you for including that family voice at the table."
- Public comment made by Nicole King, "Can I also get in touch with the person leading the road show. Thank you and thank you so much for a great meeting."

12. Adjournment

MAC Support staff, Nahayvee Flores-Rosiles, adjourned this meeting at 2:59PM on August 13th, 2025.

*Please note, due to a statewide internet outage, the MAC draft minutes will be distributed to members via email.