

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH REDESIGN CENTER AUTHORITY
FOURTH OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2020
CONFERENCE CALL
10:00AM-11:00AM

Meeting Minutes of Public Session

Call to Order:

Meghna Patel, Deputy Secretary of Health Innovation on behalf of Secretary Levine, RHRCA-Chairwoman. Ms. Patel called the meeting to order and requested Board Members, Department Staff and Members of the Public introduce themselves and their organization affiliation.

Board Introductions:

Commonwealth Representatives:

1. Secretary Rachel Levine from PA Department of Health (DOH);
2. Meghna Patel represented as the Chairwoman on behalf of Secretary Rachel Levine from PA Department of Health (DOH);
3. Dr. Doug Jacobs, Chief Innovation Officer represented Secretary Teresa Miller from PA Department of Human Services (DHS);
4. Jessica Altman, Commissioner, PA Insurance Department (PID);
5. Mike Humphreys, Chief of Staff at PA-PID

Payer Representatives:

1. Sean Burns, VP Reimbursement and Network Infrastructure, Highmark;
2. Raymond Prushnok, AVP Program Development, UPMC;
3. John Bulger, CFO, Geisinger;
4. Kristen Ryan, Business Project Program Manager, Aetna;
5. Glenn D. Pomerantz, SVP, Gateway;
6. Mike Sweeney, VP, UPMC;
7. Sarah MacDerment (Actuarial Director) on behalf of Kurt Wrobel, CFO, Geisinger;

Payer's Absentees:

1. Linda Darga, Sr Director, Network Management VBS, Aetna (excused via e-mail)

Hospital Representatives (1 additional representative pending confirmation):

1. Tammy Anderer, CAO, Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital; (Absent)
2. John Lewis, CEO, Armstrong County Memorial Hospital;
3. Jack Sisk, CFO, Punxsutawney Area Hospital;
4. Sara Adornato, CEO, Barnes-Kasson County Hospital; (Absent)
5. Kate Slate, Vice President of Innovative Payment and Care Delivery on behalf of Andy Carter, CEO, Hospital Association of Hospital and Healthsystem Association of PA;
6. Loren Stone, CEO, Endless Mountains Health Systems; (Absent)
7. James Pettinato, Chief Clinician Director of Patient Care Services, Wayne Memorial Hospital

Hospital's Absentees:

1. Tammy Anderer, CAO, Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital;
2. Sara Adornato, CEO, Barnes-Kasson County Hospital;
3. Loren Stone, CEO, Endless Mountains Health Systems

National Recognized Experts:

1. Donna Kinzer, Global Budget Expert, DK Healthcare Consulting;
2. Brock Slabach, SVP-National Rural Health Association

Department Staff:

1. Janice Walters, COO, RHRO;
2. Emily Roussel, Executive Assistant Health Innovation Deputate, DoH;
3. Jennifer Torres Del Valle, Grant Manager, RHRO;
4. Gary Zegiestowsky, CEO, RHRO;
5. Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary, DoH;
6. Brigitte Green, Program Manager, RHRO;
7. Derek Scott, Program Manager, RHRO;
8. Diana Carpenter, Clinical Program Manager, RHRO;

Members of the Public:

- Luke Purazo, Sr. Financial Analyst-UPMC

Opening Remarks- by Ms. Patel on behalf of Dr. Levine, RHRCA-Chair:

- Ms. Patel took roll and commented on the good work and progress that has been made so far.

July 29th Board Minutes Approval-by Ms. Patel on behalf of Dr. Levine, RHRCA-Chair:

- Ms. Patel asked for Board members to review the minutes sent out to see if they had any edits or questions
- The July 29th Board notes will be reviewed and voted on at the September Board meeting

Key Updates

- **Communication of Board Seat Changes** - Ms. Patel on behalf of Dr. Levine, RHRCA-Chair communicated the following updates:
 - Aetna will remain on the Board for the foreseeable future. The departure of Keith Mitchell from Aetna has been addressed by Linda Darga replacing him on the Board.
 - There is a pending hospital appointment from the PA Legislature.
- **Legal Organization Structure Progress** - Ms. Patel yielded the floor to the RHRCA-ED Gary Zegiestowsky so that he could update the group about the legal organization structure:
 - An Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the Authority was obtained on July 13, 2020 from the IRS
 - The application for a .gov domain was submitted on July 23, 2020
 - The process to build out the RHRCA organization to meet requirements for approval as an organization by CMMI has begun
 - Target completion of this for submission of RHRCA application to CMMI is slated for November 1, 2020

Formal Actions from Prior Meeting's Executive Session

- Mr. Zegiestowsky informed the Board that the Dispute Resolution Policy, the Executive Committee Policy and the Audit and Finance Committee Policy, have all been finalized.

Review Committee Nominations with Formal Action

- Mr. Zegiestowsky reviewed that the members of both the Executive Committee and the Audit Committees have been appointed, and although he will serve on both committees, it will be in a non-voting role.
- There is equal membership from payers and hospitals, representation from a national expert, and/or from the Commonwealth.
- The 1st Committee meetings will be scheduled to be in the 4th Quarter and the committee members are listed below.

- **Executive Committee**

- Donna Kinzer (National Expert – DK Healthcare Consulting)
- John Lewis (Hospital – Armstrong County Memorial)
- Glenn Pomerantz (Payer - Gateway)
- Raymond Prushnok (Payer - UPMC)
- Loren Stone (Hospital – Endless Mountains Health System)
- Gary Zegiestowsky (Executive Director – RHRCA)

- **Audit and Finance Committee**

- John Bulger (Payer – Geisinger)
- Sean Burns (Payer – Highmark)
- Meghna Patel (State – Pennsylvania Department of Health)
- Jack Sisk (Hospital – Punxsutawney Area Hospital)
- Kate Slatt (Hospital – Hospital and Health System Association of PA)
- Gary Zegiestowsky (Executive Director – RHRCA)

Telehealth Expansion Benefits Waiver- Ms. Patel yielded the floor to the RHRCA COO Janice Walters:

- Waivers are needed for telehealth (even before COVID-19)
- DOH is working with CMMI for waivers in order to bill for the telehealth service. Ensuring hospitals have the continued availability to do this is the goal.
- It is the 1st waiver secured from a federal prospective for Model participants

Opportunity Public Comment:

- Ms. Patel opened a section for public comment and invited the members of the public to bring forth their comments. No comments were provided by public members.

Lastly, Ms. Patel announced that an Executive Session will be conducted today following the public meeting. Only RHRCA-Board Members are invited to attend.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am. *Mr. Pomerantz motioned the conclusion of the meeting and Mr. Burns seconded. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion was passed unanimously.*