

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH REDESIGN CENTER AUTHORITY
EIGHTH OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 2020
CONFERENCE CALL
9:00 AM-9:30 AM

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. Secretary Levine was unable to join due to conflicting obligations.

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 from PA Department of Human Services (DHS);
4. Jessica Altman, Commissioner, PID

Commonwealth's Absentees:

1. Mike Humphreys, Commissioner, PA Insurance Department (PID);

Payer Representatives:

1. Sean Burns, VP Reimbursement and Network Infrastructure, Highmark;
2. Raymond Prushnok, AVP Program Development, UPMC;
3. John Bulger, CMO, Geisinger;
4. Sameer Kokan, Chief of Staff, Gateway
5. Mike Sweeney, VP, UPMC;
6. Sarah MacDerment, Actuarial Director, Geisinger;
7. Linda Darga, Sr Director, Network Management VBS, Aetna;

Payer's Absentees:

1. Glenn D. Pomerantz, SVP, Gateway (represented by Sameer Kokan, Chief of Staff, Gateway)
2. Kristen Ryan, Business Project Program Manager of Value Based Solutions, Aetna;

Hospital Representatives (1 additional representative pending confirmation):

1. Jack Sisk, CFO, Punxsutawney Area Hospital;
2. Sara Adornato, CEO, Barnes-Kasson County Hospital;

3. James Pettinato, Chief Clinician Director of Patient Care Services, Wayne Memorial Hospital;
4. Tammy Anderer, CAO, Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital;
5. John Lewis, CEO, Armstrong County Memorial Hospital;

Hospital's Absentees:

1. Kate Slatt, Vice President of Innovative Payment and Care Delivery, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania;
2. 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. Gary Zegiestowsky, ED, RHRO;
2. Janice Walters, COO, RHRO;
3. Emily Roussel, Executive Assistant Health Innovation Deputate, DoH;
4. Keith B. Fickel, Legal Counsel DOH
5. Jennifer Torres Del Valle, Grant Manager, RHRO;
6. Diana Carpenter, Clinical Program Manager, RHRO;

Department's Absentees:

1. Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Health;

Members of the Public:

- Ben Dannels, Associate, Greenlee Partners;
- Erin O'Dea, Research Analyst, PA House of Representatives;
- Aaron Richardson, Qualitative Researcher, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine;
- Kimberley Rak, Medical Anthropologist at Department of Critical Care Medicine, University of Pittsburgh;
- Dr. Michael F. Smith, Cardiovascular Disease Dr., UPMC
- Kara Beem, Senior Associate, Greenlee Partners;

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

- Ms. Patel took roll and commented that there is an executive meeting immediately following this one and board members should have received an invite.
- Ms. Patel stated that this is the 8th board meeting and great progress is being made for the Model. She thanked everyone for their efforts.

November 16th, 2020 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

Ms. MacDerment motioned the approval of the minutes and Mr. Burns seconded. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion was passed

- **RHRCA Organization Formation Update-** Ms. Patel yielded the floor to the RHRCA-ED Mr. Zegiestowsky who reported the following updates:

- Four new hospitals have signed onto the Model: Clarion, Highlands, Indiana and Meadville
- All thirteen Y1 and Y2 hospitals re-signed bringing the total number of participants to seventeen
- The DoH issued a Press Release on 12/10/20 which is included in Board materials
- The RHRCA continues to progress in its organizational capabilities with outsourcing for finance, accounting, HR and payroll
- The system became live and operational in November 2020 and refinements are in process to standardize operations
- Insurance coverage continues to be explored with the solicitation of proposals from at least two agencies for coverage required for the RHRCA and RHRCO

- **Proposed Policy Adjustment-** Mr. Zegiestowsky then yielded the floor to the RHRCA-COO Ms. Walters for the following discussion:

- There has been a proposed policy adjustment *“To add a materiality threshold to the Unplanned Volume Shift Adjustment of \$100K or 2%, whichever is smaller.”*
- Ms. Walters explained and discussed the proposed adjustment
- Ms. Patel asked if the board had any questions or comments and then requested a motion to approve the Proposed Policy Adjustment.

Mr. Sisk motioned the approval of the Proposed Policy Adjustment and Ms. Adornato seconded. There were no objections and the motion was passed.

- **Revised Policy Statement** Ms. Patel again yielded the floor to the RHRCA-COO Ms. Walters for the following discussion:

- There is a proposal for a revised policy statement concerning the Final Reconciliation Process
- The original statement (approved 9/21/20) reads: *“Upon final reconciliation, a mutually agreeable payment mechanism of amounts owed will be negotiated between the payer and provider within 90 days of reconciliation. In the event a mutually agreed upon payment mechanism is not established within the 90 days, it will be brought forth to the RHRCA board for resolution.”*
- The revised statement reads: *“Upon final reconciliation, settlement for amounts owed will be made between the parties outside of the prospectively established global budget via a mutually agreeable payment mechanism whenever possible within 90 days of reconciliation. In the event a mutually agreed upon payment mechanism is not established within the 90 days, it will be brought forth to the RHRCA board for resolution.”*

- Ms. Walters explained and discussed the revised policy statement
- Ms. Patel asked if the board had any questions or comments and then requested a motion to approve the Revised Policy Statement.

Mr. Lewis motioned the approval of the Final Reconciliation Process and Mr. Slabach seconded. There were no objections and the motion was passed.

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.

Meetings will be quarterly moving forward per Ms. Patel. Notifications will be sent out. Ms. Patel asked if ED, Mr. Zegiestowsky, had any closing comments, he did not.

Glenn Pomerantz from Gateway sent an email that he has commitments and meetings today so he sent Sameer Kokan, his Chief of Staff, in his place for the RHRCA meeting today. Sameer Kokan's contact information is skokan@gatewayhealthplan.com.

The schedule for the upcoming Public Board meetings will be quarterly and is as follows:

- February 16th, 2021 – 10:00am
- May 18th, 2021 – 10:00am
- August 17th, 2021 – 10:00am
- November 16th, 2021 – 10:00am
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The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am. Ms. Kinzer motioned the conclusion of the meeting and Ms. MacDerment seconded. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion was passed unanimously.