

**MAC 2.0 Stakeholder's
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: May 21, 2013 **Meeting Leader:** Kristi Plotner
Meeting Time: 2:00 **Meeting Scribe:** Libby Caldwell/
Tracy Buchanan
Meeting Location: Woolfolk Building **Next Meeting:** Tuesday August 27,
Room 145 2013 2:00 PM
MS Children's
Home Services-
Lakeland

Attendees:

Dr. Craig Escude	Sandra May	Beth Fenech
Misty Jenkins	Donna Dungan	Mona Gauthier
Nick Hartley	Page Kennedy	Shieta Murphree
Ashley Lacoste	Jan Larsen	Lance Sigrest
Dana Pierce	Juliette Reese	Trisha Hinson
Cindy Dittus	Celita Miller	Charlotte Derrick
Dr. John Damon	Lee Jenkins	Stanley Devine
Debra Ward	Nova York	Shirley Long
Lori Walton	Rosie Coleman	Amy Bishop
Matt Nalker		

Division of Medicaid Staff:

Kristi Plotner	Cynthia Agnew	John Randazzo
Catherine Holland	Gail Strength	Libby Caldwell
Tracy Buchanan	Dr. Linda McDowell	Laureta Cameron

Welcome by Kristi Plotner with each stakeholder introducing themselves along with their workgroup affiliation.

Agenda Item: DOM Updates

Progress Report: DOM submitted the first BIP progress report to CMS and is happy to report the percentage of overall Long Term Care expenditures attributed to home and community based services has risen from the 2009 baseline of 14.4% to 28.67%! That's a lot of movement. Mississippi will continue to receive the 5% enhanced FMAP through September 30, 2015 despite passing the 25% mark.

Workplan Update: DOM submitted an updated structural change workplan with adjusted dates to CMS and is awaiting approval. Once approved, it will be provided to stakeholders.

Website: Kristi revealed the MAC 2.0 website that will be used by stakeholders and other interested parties to find information about MAC 2.0 including upcoming meetings and minutes.

Updated 2001 MAC Plan in Progress: Letters have been sent to the appropriate Executive Directors for feedback.

Expediting Eligibility: Eligibility specialists will now be available at the state level to handle applications for HCBS waivers. Instead of having numerous regional offices do financial eligibility, the Brandon office will now be handling all applications for Home and Community Based Services under the direction of Wilnora Halford.

Agenda Item: Learning Collaborative Groups

Discussion: Leader Reports

- 1. Nova York- Conflict Free Case Management:** Nova discussed the handout she provided that has guidelines as well as suggestions and recommendations on how to create a “conflict free case management system”. She discussed some of the “holes” in the current system that will need to be addressed.
- 2. Ashley Lacoste- Assessment Instrument Design:** Ashley Lacoste has been appointed as group leader for this learning collaborative group. Stakeholders are aware DMH has more than one staff person leading a Learning Collaborative and have agreed to allow Ashley to serve as leader of this group. She discussed modifying the PAS to include the IDD population. The group wants to add a member with a disability so he/she can give judge whether the questions on the PAS are feasible to answer by someone with a disability. Stakeholders and DOM agreed. A list of proposed questions (Mini- PAS) was provided to attendees for review. One question in particular that the group want to be added to the PAS is, “Do you have a mental illness?”. Kristi explained how Medicaid is working on having “1 PAS, multiple programs:”
- 3. Jan Larson-Transportation:** Jan started out by saying that transportation is a problem in Mississippi. She asked the group to think about not being able to have a car or means of transportation. MS Transportation Coalition and their work was discussed and Jan suggested a “Transportation Means Assessment” be created. The ten questions the group created would answer when, where, what services are needed so transportation services can be provided to suit their needs. Jan suggested doing inventory of all transportation in the state.
- 4. Trisha Hinson-Housing:** Trisha expressed their group’s recommendations for a long-term Community Housing Committee to continuously monitor agencies to endure access to housing in local communities and accommodations for individuals with disabilities. She also talked about reapplying for the Section 811 project-based voucher funding.
- 5. Dr. Craig Escude- Community Medical Support Team:** Stanley Devine, pharmacist, who is on this learning collaborative, expressed how to improve communication between patients and medical staff. He proposed a “pilot” program funded with BIP savings that will work with patients of 3 Planning and Development Districts to see if savings are there. He

discussed a dispensing system that puts pills in packs that are separated by dosages and times each pill is supposed to be taken. Nova York asked if this would be a covered waiver service. Kristi said further research would be needed before an answer could be given on use of BIP funds or Medicaid waiver coverage.

Dr. Escude discussed his proposal for a “Consultative Clinic” for the IDD population. This clinic would offer direct medical and dental services as well as offer consultation to physicians treating individuals with IDD population in their home community. Sustainability is a major concern to ensure the longevity of the clinic after the BIP funding period has ended. There is also work underway for a consultative clinic for children with behavioral health needs. Written proposals will be forthcoming on both, but stakeholder consensus was to move forward with those plans.

6. **Juliette Reese- Quality Assurance Data:** Juliette stated her group is interested using the current, “Personal Outcome Measure Survey” to measure quality of services. They continue to work toward a recommendation.

MAC 2.0 Stakeholder Group Re-Organization: After getting feedback from stakeholders at the meeting, Kristi announced that the Guardianship will not be a Learning Collaborative group under MAC 2.0 as that work is being addressed by DMH and they may come back to this group if they have a recommendation. In addition, the Marketing Learning Collaborative will be put on hold indefinitely until a No Wrong Door system is in place.

Agenda Item: Use of Funds

Discussion: Kristi went over the proposed use of funds for the stakeholders. There is currently \$14 million in the account. CMS has a 3 part test to determine use of the BIP savings.

1. **Direct Course:** Beginning in November, DOM has paid for personal care attendants and other direct care staff to receive training through Direct Course, which you may know as the College of Direct Supports.
2. **NWD Case Management System-procurement forth coming:** This includes a “mini-PAS” as well as making adjustments to the algorithm of the PAS.
3. **Increasing Waiver Capacity:** MDRS is increasing the IL waiver by 150 clients, the TBI/SCI by 50 clients. DMH is increasing the ID/DD waiver by 100 clients. DOM is hiring more case managers that would increase the number of individual in the AL waiver by 120.
4. **Consultative Clinics:** A proposal will be sent to CMS.
5. **1915(i) for IDDD:** Already approved by CMS.
6. **DOM Positions:** Hiring positions in the AL waiver and nurses to review and expand waiver capacity.
7. **DMH Staff Positions:** Approved to help with transition of institution to the community.
8. **Rate Study:** Received CMS approval.
9. **Pilot Project to Transition Individuals for State Hospital:** This was approved by CMS. The project is similar to the B2I program.

Next stakeholder meeting 2:00 PM
August 27, 2013
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