



**Agency for Health Care Administration
Medical Care Advisory Committee
Quarterly Meeting Summary**

Medical Care Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Agency for Health Care Administration Headquarters

**2727 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Conference Room A**

Attendance

Committee Members

Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)		Department of Children and Families (DCF)	
	Jason Weida, Secretary, AHCA		Shevaun Harris, Secretary, DCF
	Kristin Sokoloski, Deputy Chief of Staff for Medicaid & Procurement	✓	Casey Penn Assistant Secretary, DCF
Department of Health (DOH)		Associations & Beneficiaries	
	Joseph A. Ladapo, M.D., PhD., Surgeon General		Diane Sanders-Cepeda, D.O., C.M.D., Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
✓	Andrea Gary, Director, CMS Plan Administration		Michael Lawton, Florida Association of Health Plans
Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)		✓	Stanley Whittaker, MSN, ARNP, Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners
	Taylor Hatch, Director of APD	✓	Victoria Zepp, Florida Coalition for Children
✓	Lorena Fulcher, Chief of Consumer Supports	✓	David Mica, Jr., Florida Hospital Association
Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)			Michael Lockwood, Beneficiary
✓	Ashley Apthorp, Director of Statewide Community-Based Services		
✓	Michelle Branham, Secretary of DOEA		

Presenters

	Name	Agency, Division, Title
	Ken Kniepmann	AHCA, Medicaid Policy & Quality, Assistant Deputy Secretary
	Matt Cooper	AHCA, Health Care Data, Assistant Deputy Secretary
	Pam Hull	AHCA, Medicaid Operations, Assistant Deputy Secretary



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Mike Magnuson	AHCA, Florida Health Care Connections (FX), Agency for Health Care Administrator
√ = Present for the Meeting; T = Attended Remotely	

Meeting Minutes

Documents Distributed:

- Agenda
- MCAC PowerPoint Presentation

Opening Remarks

Ken Kniepmann

Ken Kniepmann, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Policy and Quality at the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA or Agency), called the September 20, 2023, Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting to order. Mr. Kniepmann welcomed all in attendance and began introductions with Agency personnel. He then thanked the committee members and members of the public. Ken proceeded to remind the audience of the blackout period. He then called the roll and had the members introduce themselves.

SMMC Procurement Statutory Blackout Language

Ken Kniepmann

Mr. Kniepmann provided a brief statement regarding ongoing procurement activities related to the 2025 Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) contracts. Mr. Kniepmann read the following language regarding the statutory blackout period:

On April 11, 2023, the Agency for Health Care Administration posted the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) to re-procure the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) health plan contracts. Therefore, we have officially entered into the statutory blackout period as described in s. 287.057(25), F.S., and we must not have any discussions relating to the scope, evaluation, or negotiation of those procurements.

Roll Call/Legislative Updates

Ken Kniepmann

Following the conclusion of his opening remarks, Mr. Kniepmann proceeded with the rollcall; committee member attendance is captured on page one of this document. Following the rollcall, Mr. Kniepmann, began the Legislative Update presentation. He stated this was an overview of AHCA’s legislative tasks and asked if there were any questions.

David Mica asked when the rapid genome will be opened. Austin Noll stated that the hearing was last week, and any comments are welcome now.

Prior to the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Kniepmann opened the floor for questions from those present in the room. Following a brief question and answer period with those in attendance, Mr. Kniepmann concluded his agenda topic and introduced Matt Cooper for his presentation on the Legislative Budget Updates.

Legislative Budget Updates

Matt Cooper

Matt Cooper presented the Legislative Budget Updates.



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Stanley Whittaker asked about the pediatric physician's inclusion of the 76.1 million, but what about the practitioners. Victoria Zepp asked what is being done to incentivize more people to improve access. Additionally, she stated that at the federal level, they are looking at psychiatric services in certain counties with rates.

Austin Noll stated that there are a lot of work groups that are collaborating with psychiatric issues, as well as those who can write prescriptions to provide care. The Hub and Spoke model is being looked at, and certain sites for psychiatry are working to improve care and can reach out to that hub and allow them to practice. The legislative budget with GME is geared to assisting in this space and continuing that to the bill, foster care and provider ratios are going to enhanced provisions. Austin restated that we are in a blackout period.

Victoria Zepp stated that the Agency is doing a lot of work.

Stanley Whittaker stated that his area is looking for providers and moving nurse practitioners to certain areas to meet the needs of providing services.

Casey Penn stated the following pertaining to the expansion of psychiatric services to meet the number of issues with expanding the number of providers, the cost of the provider, and focused on mobile response and crisis authorities with crisis response team. Casey Penn has seen a lot of success when there is acute care.

Additionally, Austin stated that evaluation of the housing pilot program in the I-4 corridor, as well as serving a greater population. Different agencies and legislative initiatives are jointly working together.

Victoria Zepp appreciated this meeting format for improved collaboration.

Andrea Gary stated the pediatric collaborative-families seeking mental health are seeing this from primary care providers. The Hub and Spoke model provides access points for pediatric psychiatry, and support to both providers and families.

Prior to the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Cooper opened the floor for questions from those present in the room. Following a brief question and answer period with those in attendance, Mr. Cooper concluded his agenda topic and Mr. Kniepmann introduced Pam Hull for her presentation on the Reprourement.

Reprourement

Pam Hull

Pam Hull presented the Reprourement. Ken Kniepmann restated the blackout language.

Prior to the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Hull opened the floor for questions from those present in the room. There were no questions from the floor. Ms. Hull concluded her agenda topic and Mr. Kniepmann introduced Mike Magnuson for his presentation on the Florida Health Care Connection (FX).

Florida Health Care Connection (FX)

Mike Magnuson

Mike presented the Florida Health Care Connection (FX). He restated that this is a rolling blackout language for the last 2 years. Phase 3 is the implementation component to planning and design, which is most risky. Phase 2 models are currently running.

- UOC is customer centric, currently providers/recipients going to different places we are not consolidating this, core vendor has been onboarded.



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- The vendor chosen is Gainwell, by next October this should be going live, PBM is pharmacy claims and utilization review.
- To complete phase 3 we would have to get certified by federal government. These procurements are going to be rolling/ever green.

Prior to the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Magnuson opened the floor for questions from those present in the room. There were no questions from the floor.

Public Comments

Ken Kniepmann

Mr. Kniepmann opened the floor for public comments and to please raise your hand and we will bring the microphone to you, no one was on Teams. No public comments were made. Mr. Kniepmann concluded the public comment portion of the meeting and transitioned to closing remarks.

Closing Remarks

Ken Kniepmann

Mr. Kniepmann informed those in attendance that the next MCAC meeting is tentatively set for December of 2023. He encouraged committee members and members of the public to send their questions or agenda topic recommendations to Kissa Smith in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Medicaid Operations and Procurement, at the following email address: kissa.smith@ahca.myflorida.com

Adjourn

Ken Kniepmann

Mr. Kniepmann thanked the Committee members and members of the public for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.