



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2015
State Historical Building of Iowa

Meeting called to order at 12:31 P.M.

Roll call taken. Members present:

Board Members

Angela Burke Boston
Ryan Wise (Telephone)
Gerd Clabaugh (Telephone)
Mary Mincer Hansen
Eric Kohlsdorf
Kelly Renfrow

Legislative Board Members

Senator Janet Petersen
Representative John Forbes
Representative Ken Rizer

Others attending:

Department of Human Services Staff:

Mikki Stier Deborah Johnson Anna Ruggle

Guests

Nancy Lind
Zeke Furlong
Kris Bell
Patty Funaro
Joe Estes
Jason Clayworth
Amanda Krenz
Sandi Hurtado-Peters(Telephone)
Lesleyann Christiansen
Terri Walker
James Olson
Diane Stahle
Eric Tabor

Affiliation

UnitedHealthcare
House Democratic Staff
Iowa Senate Democratic Caucus
Legislative Services Agency
MAXIMUS
Des Moines Register
WOI-TV
Iowa Department of Management
Visiting Nurse Services

IDPH
Assistant Iowa Attorney General
Assistant Iowa Attorney General

I. Approval of minutes

Motion: Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2015 Board meeting

Vote: Motion (Kohlsdorf, Rizer) passed. Minutes approved without changes.

II. Report from the Chair – Dr. Mary Mincer Hansen

Dr. Hansen reported that the board received an opinion, in answer to her request, from the Attorney General’s office regarding the authority, responsibility and role of the board in approving managed care contracts for the Hawk-I population. She also was informed by the attorney general that the board must waive attorney-client privilege to release the opinion to the public. The board will consider that question in closed session.

Dr. Hansen reviewed the questions that she had asked Medicaid Director Stier.

III. Report from Medicaid Director – Mikki Stier

Director Stier recapped plans for Medicaid Modernization. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued its decision on the implementation of the IA Health Link managed care program. The program will now begin on March 1, 2016, instead of January 1, 2016, pending final federal approval. *hawk-i* enrollees will have the same benefits as they currently have today. The board asked several questions regarding contingency plans and the plan transferring all hawk-i benefit coverage to one provider. Questions were also asked about undeliverable enrollment packets returned to the IME. Director Stier reported that all returned mail is being reviewed and addresses researched.

IV. Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature

Report reviewed by board members. Motion to accept the report (Kohlsdorf, Forbes). Dr. Hansen makes a friendly amendment that language included in the report reflect the need for CMS approval of State of Iowa Medicaid plan prior to transition be included in report.

Motion approved as amended

V. Delta Dental Contract Amendment

Motion to approve contract amendment (Burke Boston, Clabaugh)
Motion approved as amended.

VI. United Health Care of the River Valley contract extension to March 1, 2016

This contract extension rescinds previous cancellation notice of October 2015 and continues *hawk-i* coverage until 3/1/15 with a month to month extension after that date. Since the contract is already in effect, board action is not needed to approve continued coverage due to the fact that, according to the attorney general opinion, the board does not have the authority to approve or not approve contracts. Chair Hansen defers vote.

VII. Closed Session

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5, a motion was made (Burke Boston, Kohlsdorf) for the Board to go into a closed session.

Roll call vote to enter into a closed session:
Mary Mincer Hansen – aye

Kelly Renfrow –aye
Eric Kohlsdorf – aye
Gerd Clabaugh – aye
Angela Burke Boston – aye
Ryan Wise – aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Non-board members were asked to leave the meeting.

VIII. Return from closed session

IX. Vote on waiving the attorney client privilege and releasing advice to the public

Motion made (Kohlsdorf, Burke Boston) to waive attorney client privilege.

Chair Hansen called for roll call vote.

Mary Mincer Hansen – aye
Kelly Renfrow –aye
Eric Kohlsdorf – aye
Gerd Clabaugh – aye
Angela Burke Boston – aye
Ryan Wise – aye

Motion passed unanimously.

X. Public Comment

Lesleyann Christensen from Visiting Nurse Services voiced concerns about new coverage under the MCOs and asked whose role it is to review the coverage of the enrollees under the transition to managed care. Dr. Hansen asked for crosswalk for comparison between existing plans and proposed changes.

XI. New Business

Senator Petersen asked for a report from helpline to find out what hawk-i questions are coming in.
Dr Hansen asked that Director Stier update the board at their next meeting regarding a system to capture reasons that children leave Hawk-I.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM by Chair Hansen.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mincer Hansen, Chair
Nick Peters, Recorder of Minutes