



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2015

Board Members

Angela Burke Boston
Jim Donoghue
Joe Hutter
Ruth Evans

Legislative Board Members

Senator Janet Petersen (absent)
Senator Jack Whitver (absent)
Representative John Forbes (absent)
Representative John Landon (absent)

Department of Human Services Staff

Bob Schlueter Anna Ruggle Rick Riley Tara Aunspach

Guests

Sylvia Petersen
Lynh Patterson
Kathy Mallatt
Kristine Klauer
Nancy Lind
Jeremy Morgan
Keri Plugge
Tracy Rodgers

Affiliation

Iowa Department of Public Health
Delta Dental
UnitedHealthcare
UnitedHealthCare
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MAXIMUS
UnitedHealth Care
Iowa Department of Public Health

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*) Board met on Monday April 20, 2015, at the State Historical Building in Des Moines. In the absence of the chair and co-chair, Mr. Jim Donoghue facilitated the meeting. Mr. Nick Peters called the roll. A quorum was absent.

I. Administrator's Report

Mr. Bob Schlueter gave the administrator's report.

Enrollment numbers are beginning to trend upward, the significant retroactive numbers are beginning to lessen due to eligibility system demonstrating more timely results.

CHIP funding has been renewed by congress for the next two years. What CHIP doesn't do is keep family coverage together.

- **Enrollment Update.**

The board discussed the enrollment changes that have occurred. Mr. Schlueter reported that the Affordable Care Act has contributed to enrollment shifts and the changes may be because of the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) income guidelines. Overall, Iowa has a fairly low uninsured rate compared to states around us. He reports that data from 2014 should be available soon so we can see what trends there are in the states around us and look at our numbers in a bigger picture.

- **Budget Update**

SFY 2015 Budget Update (through January 2015)

Program Revenue	Amount
FY 2014 Appropriation	\$45,877,998
<i>hawk-i</i> Trust Fund	\$ 0
Possible outreach & PERM dollars from Medicaid	\$ 0
Total	\$45,877,998

Expenditures as of September month-end were:

Category	Projected Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	% of Projected Expenditures
Medicaid Expansion	\$ 10,426,647	\$ 8,110,465	77.7%
<i>hawk-i</i> Premiums	\$ 32,692,586	\$ 23,380,400	71.5%
Supplemental Dental Program	\$ 420,258	\$ 221,455	52.7%
Processing Medicaid Claims and AG's Fees	\$ 722,073	\$ 376,961	52.2%
Outreach	\$ 153,500	\$ 50,075	32.6 %
<i>hawk-i</i> Administration	\$ 1,462,934	\$ 812,788	55.5%
Earned Interest from <i>hawk-i</i> Trust Fund	0	\$ -41,697	
Total	\$ 45,877,998	\$32,910,437	71.7%

Mr. Schlueter asked Diane Barrett, DHS Budget Analyst, to comment on the budget. Ms. Barrett referred the board to the reports and stated that the budget is basically on track. Of note, she said, is that although enrollment numbers are down, expenditures remain constant which may be attributed to the retroactive enrollment numbers each month.

Mr. Joe Hutter asked if the retroactive enrollment affects the payment to providers. Mr. Schlueter explained that the capitation payments to the insurance plans are being paid promptly, including any emergency coverage that may arise.

Mr. Schlueter gave an overview of a contact he made to the University of Iowa Public Policy Center. As a follow-up to previous board discussions on dental care in Iowa, he asked the Public Policy Center to provide an overview of dental coverage in Iowa and he asked if children's *hawk-i* dental care has been impacted in Iowa by the Iowa Dental Plan, available to Medicaid recipients, because of the eligibility guidelines. This may require commissioning a study to see how Iowa children are receiving dental services.

V. Other Updates and new projects

Mr. Schlueter reported to the board about work being done implementing Medicaid Modernization as introduced in the Governor's 2016. This project would result in Iowa Medicaid transitioning to administration to managed care through private companies. A request for proposal (RFP) regarding this initiative will be released in the near future. This plan may affect the administration of *hawk-i* and CHIP. Mr. Schlueter will conduct a conference call with the board after the RFP is released and provide more information.

VI. CHIP Funding Update

Rick Riley updated the board on the current status of CHIP funding. The CHIP program has been authorized through 2019; however, funding is only available through September 30, 2015. Legislation has been introduced to provide funding through 2019. If funding is not secured, states will need to make plans for the loss of funding. Angela Burke Boston inquired about the views of the Iowa Congressional delegation about CHIP and the funding legislation, Mr. Riley reported that all of Iowa members of Congress support the funding of CHIP, however, the duration of the funding differ in the delegation.

Mr. Schlueter elaborated on funding issues and reported that under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), beginning in calendar year 2016, there is an increase in funds that can be used for CHIP. He called on Ms. Barrett for clarification. She said that the monies are available through the ACA and would cover one-half of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 and go into SFY2017. She told the board that these funds are from the ACA and not associated with CHIP-authorized funds.

Mr. Riley pointed out that legislation introduced has come from Democratic congressional members so there may indeed be some give and take negotiations between the two political parties before any legislation is passed.

VII. Public Comment

No public comment.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Hutter asked a question about eligibility of children living with their grandparents. Mr. Schlueter and Mr. Jeremy Morgan, MAXIMUS confirmed that eligibility is based on household income. Anna Ruggle will check with Medicaid eligibility staff about availability of benefits.

Mr. Hutter complimented the staff on the smooth operation of the program, noting that he only remembers two complaints in his time on the board and the problems were both resolved quickly.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Donoghue asks for motion to adjourn. Ms. Burke moved to adjourn meeting, Mr. Hutter seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Donoghue, Acting Chair
Nick Peters, Recorder of Minutes