



**Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Committee (MEAC)
Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2022**

Board Members Present:

✓	Jessa Barnard		Yacouba Jacob Bogre	✓	Kelly Dougherty
✓	Lisa Draper	✓	Mike Fisher	✓	Devon Green
✓	Dale Hackett	✓	Rebecca Heintz	✓	Sharon Henault
✓	Jessica Jacobs		Gladys Konstantin		Joan Lavoie
	Erin Maguire	✓	Mary Kate Mohlman	✓	Kirsten Murphy
✓	Jamie Rainville		Sarah Teel	✓	Julie Tessler
✓	Jason Williams				

DVHA Staff Present:

✓	Zachary Goss	✓	Andrea DeLaBruere	✓	Adaline Strumolo
	Sandi Hoffman	✓	Jennifer Rotblatt		Max Croneberger
✓	Sven Lindholm	✓	Molly Sweeney		Danielle Fuoco
	Ashley Berliner	✓	Ginger Irish		Brendan Beaudoin

SOV/Other Attendees:

	Megan Tierney-Ward		Betty Morse		Nicole DiStasio
	Katie Smith		Katie Kanelstein		Stefani Hartsfield
✓	Susan Aranoff		Marty Baker		Steve Novis
✓	Erika Wolfing		Tim Walker		Sara Teachout

Topic & Presenter	Discussion	Action
Meeting Materials	Posted to https://dvha.vermont.gov/advisory-	

	boards/medicaid-and-exchange-advisory-committee/agendas-and-materials MEAC 11_28_22 Agenda.pdf MEAC PPT 11_28_22.pdf	
1. Call to Order Mary Kate Mohlman & Dale Hackett, Co-Chairs	Meeting was convened at 10:05 AM by Mary Kate Mohlman.	
2. Roll Call Establish Quorum Approve Minutes Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager	Roll Call was completed by Zack Goss. October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes approval were postponed as a quorum had not yet been reached.	
3. PHE Update Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DVHA has not been allowed to terminate Medicaid membership for the duration of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) which has been repeatedly extended over 90 day periods since 2020. DVHA did not receive a 60-day notice that there would not be an extension at the current expiration in January which means it will be extended to April. National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMd) has issued a letter requesting a firm PHE end date so that states can be prepared. Member communication plans were discussed. Provider communication was also discussed and Zack noted that there is a newsletter for member organizations where this information will be shared. Requests to be added to the stakeholder newsletter can be sent to AHS.VTHealthConnect@vermont.gov. 	Medicaid and the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency webpage: https://dvha.vermont.gov/unwinding
4. Meeting Minutes Approval Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved as written. 	Motion: Lisa Second: Jessa Abstain: Kirsten Approved

<p>5.Future Agenda Item Discussion</p> <p>Mary Kate Mohlman & Dale Hackett, Co-Chairs</p>	<p>The co-chairs opened the floor up to advisory members to share future agenda items that would be of value to the constituencies MEAC represents that they would like more information on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-PHE Telehealth policy How have constituents used telehealth, including audio only, during the PHE and how is the experience informing a post-PHE policy? • Dual members of both Medicaid and Medicare – Medicare savings plan, how it works and pressures it creates • Dental access Issues which create barriers to dental care for Medicaid members • DVHA data collection capability to track health disparities for sub-populations BIPOC, Disabilities, LGBTQ+ • Medicaid for Working Adults program – Has it kept pace with the needs of people who want to work and use their Medicaid? • Social Security COLA increase and how it may affect Medicaid eligibility • Global Commitment Waiver new opportunities For example, how will legislative work this session affect the waiver pilot program related to housing? • Shifting Medicaid demographics • Home and Community Based Services (HBCS). Current status of the quality assurance requests required by the State. • Hospitals are unable to discharge people to nursing homes or mental health centers. How is DVHA addressing this for members? Information sharing with members on their options. • Medicaid Transportation Is Medicaid seeing issues? • Durable Medical Equipment decision process Consideration of independence. 	
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<p>6. Commissioner's Office Update</p> <p>Andrea DeLaBruere, Commissioner Molly Sweeney, Director of HAEEU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner DeLaBruere mentioned that DVHA has been working with dental providers and seeking solutions to the issues which are a culmination of factors. • Molly Sweeney, DVHA HAEEU Director, gave an open enrollment update. December 15 is the deadline for January 1 insurance, though open enrollment will continue until January 15. • Carriers will start sending invoices for 2023 the first week of December. • New this year are radio and digital ad buys that will occur closer to the December 15 deadlines. • Emails are also being sent out to families who may be able to benefit from the "family glitch" fix. • Discussion ensued on open enrollment. 	
<p>7. Public Comment</p> <p>Mary Kate Mohlman & Dale Hackett, Co-Chairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments made. 	
<p>8. Final Committee Discussion</p> <p>Mary Kate Mohlman & Dale Hackett, Co-Chairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ginger mentioned that DVHA is conducting a survey on Medicaid and Health Connect branding and requested members complete or share in the next few days. 	
<p>9. Adjourn</p> <p>Mary Kate Mohlman & Dale Hackett, Co-Chairs</p>	<p>There is no meeting in December and the next meeting is January 23, 2023.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM by Mary Kate Mohlman.</p>	<p>Additional about the Department's response to the COVID-19 public health emergency may be located here: https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19</p>