

Board Members Present: Steve Hall Ernest (Sandy) Marshall
Lori Dengler Dominique Kohlenberger
Phillip Brown Thomas Skoloda
Dr. Francis Curd Henry Raines: Entered 6:15PM

Board Members Absent: Ray Fusco Mildred Isom
Kirk Zeppi

Staff Present: Joshua Barnett, Health Care Services Manager
Cheri Coryea, Neighborhood/Community Services Department Director
Lynette Miralla-Ramirez, Grants Coordinator
Tracie Adams, Human Services Manager

Public Present: Mike Meehan

The March 22, 2017 meeting of the Health Care Advisory Board was held at Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205, in the 9th Floor Board of County Commissioner Conference Room.

Item 1 – Introductions:

Stephen Hall, Chair, called the March 22, 2017 meeting of the Health Care Advisory Board to order at 5:04PM. Quorum verified by Steve Hall and Joshua Barnett. Members introduced themselves. Dr. Francis Curd, LECOM Assistant Dean of Clinical Education, introduced as a new board member filling the slate of Higher Education. Steve Hall presented a brief summary to Dr. Curd regarding the activities of the board meetings to date.

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes:

Stephen Hall opened discussion of the minutes from the February 22, 2017 meeting.

Action: Minutes approved with change recommended by Henry Raines.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

Item 3 – Indigent Coverage – Review of eligibility criteria

Tracie Adams of Manatee County Government reviewed an overview of guidelines for Manatee County Indigent Services Eligibility Criteria and application process. Eligibility Criteria is currently processed through specific software by four entities:

1. Manatee County
2. Manatee Memorial Hospital
3. We Care of Manatee
4. Manatee County Paramedicine Program through

As a first step patients are screened for current insurance and Medicaid eligibility. Current program's guidelines include residency and income (see attached handout). Letter of approval is good for six months allowing reapplication at that time.

Members were asked to review handout considering current criteria for residency, Federal Poverty Level determination, income verification, and length of approval time. There are currently 1200 – 1600 registrants in Manatee County Indigent Population System.

Cheri discussed providers must be participating the HIE program including paying monthly fee to be eligible for reimbursement for services provided. Providers are audited every two years. Challenges of the current system discussed including lack of network of providers, specifically PCP, from which eligible participants may seek care.

Eligibility criteria discussed including options such as limiting spending per patient, fluctuating Federal Poverty Level based on need for services, requiring participation in care management, and assisting with HIE fee to attract providers. Clarification was offered regarding county expenditure being approximately twenty three million in state and mandated as well as local indigent care across service lines with approximately five million dollars for indigent care.

Population based care management discussed to promote more wise use of the local health care system starting with a limited population including chronic and high users eligible through the county, dental to be included in care need. In current system applications are completed for approval with no follow up regarding verification of eligibility criteria or health care needs. Suggestion offered to initiate program for follow up to assure patients do indeed meet criteria as well as referring them to proper health care providers programs such as the paramedicine program.

Discussion occurred regarding specific sections of the Manatee County Health Care Program Eligibility Guidelines and voted on below.

1. **Federal Poverty Level Qualification:** Suggestion initiated to tie eligibility criteria to work status. ALICE population discussed. Vote put forth to accept 200% of Poverty Level as criteria for income cap. Vote of acceptance unanimous.
2. **Proof of Income:** Forms of proof of income reviewed: Vote put forth regarding accepting current criteria. Vote of acceptance unanimous.
3. **Manatee County Residency:** A suggestion was given to define residency. Discussion occurred on two points: a) Identification of proper recipients included legal status as an additional criteria and b) current requirements for two forms of proof of residency
Vote of proof of residency including two of any forms as listed in current criteria. Vote of acceptance: Yes 6 No 2
Vote regarding legal status as an additional criteria. Vote of acceptance: Yes 1 No 7
4. **Term Limits:** Discussion regarding current length of eligibility approval time of 6 months. Vote of acceptance unanimous

Item 4: Community Paramedic Program Ride Along: Dominique Kohlenberger pushed to next meeting

Item 5: New Business: A suggestion was to recommend that the BOCC be asked to consider addressing a letter of concern to our state and federal representatives regarding how the current proposed federal changes with Medicaid expansion and health care will affect citizens and the local government. This is a suggested topic for the next meeting agenda.

Old Business:

Item 6: BOCC Report Development: This is regarding a draft of accomplishments to the BOCC. Moved to next meeting agenda.

Item 7: Calendar: Discussion occurred over moving meetings to twice monthly to facilitate conversation and accomplishments of the Health Care Advisory Board. Discussion occurred regarding technology and locations of meetings that may allow more public to attend. Staff will consider suggestions and email options for times and meeting locations to members.

Item 8: Public Comment:

Mike Meehan shared 2,000 people gave comments to Vern Buchannan this past Saturday at Van Wezel regarding health care. Deductible support program reintroduced and documentation briefly outlining a plan for Universal Healthcare distributed. Comment time extended by one minute.

Discussions occurred over avenues to promote public attendance at meeting such as radio talk shows and alternate meeting sites.

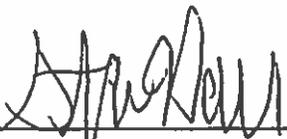
Revision of by- laws including suggested additions to the Health Care Advisory Board will be presented to the BOCC on April 4th, 2017 at the BOCC Meeting.

Item 9: Next Meeting: April 26, 2017

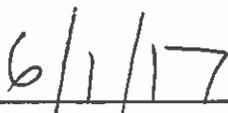
Item 10: Meeting Debriefing: Phil Brown

Item 11: Adjourn 7:25pm

APPROVED:



Stephen Hall, Chair



Date

