

**Medical Care Advisory Committee
December 12 & 13, 2019
Meeting Location: HCS Conference Room
240 Court Plaza Suite 202
Juneau, Alaska 99801**

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item – Person responsible for item</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Review agenda Announcements Approve meeting minutes
10:45 - 11:15	<p>Introductions: Dane Lenaker, MDM, MPH, Dentist, SEARHC Medical Clinic; Matthew Hirschfeld, MD/PhD, Director-Maternal Child Health, Provider Physician Alaska Native Medical Center/Licensed Physician; Jeanie Monk, Senior Vice President, Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, Private/Non-Recipient Citizen; Susan Wheeler, Pharmacist, Provider/Licensed Pharmacist; Philip Hofstetter, Au.,D, CEO – Petersburg Medical Center, Hospital Administrator; Dorothy (Bunti) Reed, DHSS – OCS Prog. Coordinator, Consumer/Senior Advocate, and Renee Gayhart, Division Director, Health & Social Services HCS Director.</p> <p>**Members not present - Mary Middleton, Executive Director Stone Soup Group, Non-Governmental/Social Services Agency; Susan Ohmer, Executive Director, Provider Behavioral Health, Provider Behavioral Health**</p> <p>Guests – Adam Crum, Commissioner; Tony Newman, Legislative Liaison; Dr. Julius Goslin, Shawnda O'Brien, Division of Public Assistance; Gennifer Moreau-Johnson, Division of Behavioral Health and John Lee, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services and Jetta Whittaker, Health Program Manager III, H&SS SDS-Management.</p> <p>Public – Alexandra and Gretta, Stone Soup Group, Rachel, private citizen, Christopher Thomas, AK Dental Arts and Augustas Kirkland, Maniilaq Association</p> <p>Renee Gayhart, Division Director, H&SS, HCS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed changes to agenda by modifying Renee Gayharts slot to 1:30p.m. – 2:00p.m. Gennifer Moreau-Johnson to 2:00p.m. – 3:00p.m., John Lee to 2:30p.m. – 3:00p.m. and break from 3:00p.m. – 3:15p.m. <p>Matthew Hirschfeld, MD/PhD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ped Subspecialty update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 2019 became unstable. ○ Pediatric Genetics disappeared from Alaska from Oregon Health & Sciences because a couple of providers got sick and were unable to provide Alaska services. ○ A few private practitioners that specialize in neurology, pulmonary and nephrology cut back their services so there is no on-call practitioner at night. ○ Some GI doctors have left the state. • Meeting held on November 12, 2019 with various providers to forecast how the field will look within 5 years and to implement a long-term plan to provide medical services to Alaskans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediate plan was created. ○ 5 year plan created. ○ Rasmuson Foundation funded a Tier 1 grant that hired a consultant, "Susan Tripp," to build a business plan, pulling work groups and steering committees together. • 1 pediatric endocrinologist went into private practice causing the remaining 2 to take more call coverage.

<p>11:15 - 12:00</p>	<p>Toney Newman, Legislative Liaison</p> <p>SB74 Update and overview of legislative report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Duties include but not limited to: field questions from Legislature about policy or constituent issues and coordinating responses, ect. • Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparing for the sub committees for the deep dive. ○ House subcommittee and Senate subcommittee want to better job at coordinating meetings to limit travel and topics of interest coordinated better. • Governor Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improvements to civil and commitment processesesee such as API • Adult Foster Care Services for individuals who age out of foster care. Kids who have severe disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most are now being served through a waiver called, “Children with Complex Medical Conditions Waiver.” • Project to clarify the duties of a chief medical officer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Statutes don’t clearly lay out what the Chief Medical Officer will do, duties are, qualifications are and what the extent of their responsibilities are. • Changes the licensing processesese. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Streamlining process. • Working with Legislators on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To allow licensed professional counselors the opportunity to bill Medicaid as an independent practitioners. ○ Consolidating EMS services under DH&SS. Paramedics are certified under the state medical board but EMT’s are certified under Department of H&SS Office of Emergency Services. • Budget discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adult Preventative Dental added back in.
<p>12:00 - 12:20</p>	<p>Shawnda O’Brien, Division Director, Division of Public Assistance</p> <p>Status of the workload:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division has no backlog. • Complaints from public are being acknowledged and address. <p>Medicaid auto renewal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto renewal of Medicaid occurs without some clients knowing causing penalties because they enrolled into the market. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 13,000 cases have been affected. <p>Back log address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures of work analyzed. • Implementing good time management. • Addressing turnover issues by offering additional training to retain current employees. • Electronic documentation system implemented.
<p>12:20 – 12:45</p>	<p>MCAC Chair Dane Lenaker, MCAC Collaboration</p> <p>Proposed collaboration tools for team members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Basecamp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explanation of basic functions. ○ Explanation of utilization of housing documents. <p>Potential improvements to MCAC website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting of members and positions held.

12:45 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:00	<p>Renee Gayhart, Division Director, Division of Health Care Services</p> <p>Review of Health Care Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented phase 1 approach for of cost containment measures for budget cuts. • ASHNA law suite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A settlement agreement ○ Calculated settlement deadline is April 1st. • 117,000 letters need to be mailed to recipients informing Adult Preventative Dental has been reinstated as of December 31, 2019. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anything that was denied or at fair hearings will be approved and paid. ○ Cap is still \$1150 and won't be utilize until next physical year. ○ Golden Ticket has been suspended. • Adult Therapies (PT & OT) are being looked at. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department is finding certain procedures being over utilized which triggers internal review. • Rate Cuts are supposed to end June 30, 2020. • Cost of Care Modification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How will the department do things internally? ○ Accounting & Recovering recovers half a billion a year through Pharmacy rebait and TPL recoveries. • Total Medicaid Population is 200,000 to 210,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The expansion population had to meet 10 essential health benefits to be included in the State Plan.
2:00 – 2:30	<p>Gennifer Moearu-Johnson, Division Director, Division of Behavioral Health</p> <p>1115 and ASO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1115 waiver allows a state to wave the rules of Medicaid. <p>Two Services available in hospitals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received approval from Federal Government for the Substance Use Disorder Component as of November 2018. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Detailed implementation Plan needed to be submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Available on the following link: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dbh/Pages/1115/default.aspx • Behavioral Health Component Waiver was approved September 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submission of a detailed implementation Plan was not needed. <p>IMD exemption exclusion for substance use disorder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cannot bill for inpatient facility based services in a facility of 16 beds or more for an individual over 21 years or under 64 years old for <p>Standards of Care standards being raised.</p> <p>Adam Crum, Commissioner, Department of Health & Social Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explains long-term stability needed in the program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medicaid Reform Specialist on contract – Rich Albertonie with PCG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dedicated Reform Strategist/Advisor for the Commissioner. <p>Heather Carpenter, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health & Social Services</p> <p>Vision of Department short-term & long-term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stable Medicaid number for this next year. ▪ Willing to explore ideas to come together.

	Contact for the consultant would be Heather Carpenter.
2:30 – 3:00	<p>John Lee, Division Director, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services</p> <p>Mission</p> <p>Promote health, well-being and safety for individuals with disabilities, seniors and vulnerable adults by facilitating access to quality services and supports that foster independence, personal choice and dignity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversees half a billion dollars of programs that provide for Alaskans who experience disabilities. Included are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal Care Services. ○ Home Community Based Waivers Services. ○ Grant Services. ○ Nursing Facility and Intermediate Care Facility Services. <p>Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants program provided help to almost 37,000 Seniors. • Budget is stable. • Transitioned to a lot of Alaskans to Community First Choice which saves Alaska money. • Adult Protective Services investigated over 2000 cases of harm to adults. • Quality Assurance Unit investigated over 250 investigations with 69 investigations substantiated problems. • Waiting list for waiver program is down from 900 to 722
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-5:00	<p>Public Comment or Begin Roundtable discussion:</p> <p>Augustas K. from Maniilaq</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed committee due to budget cuts they saw an increase in alcohol consumption to cope with pain. • Increase in costs put on Native Corp due to patient travel. <p>David L. from Alaska Dental Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget reduction caused people to go to ER for pain medication and antibiotics for infections. <p>Nancy M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressed need for genetics in Alaska. <p>Grey G.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressed concern loss of pediatrics detrimental to Alaskans and the need to find solution. <p>Tucker B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed committee they are seeing more patients in the ER. <p>Angela</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasized the need for GI clinic in Alaska.
5:00	Adjourn Meeting

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8:15-8:30	Prepare to be at table for meeting start at 8:30
8:30-9:00	<p>MCAC Chair Dane Lenaker, MCAC Collaboration</p> <p>Future meetings established by MCAC members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 27, 2020 4pm – 5pm • May 14, 2020 4pm – 5pm • September 17th & 18th in person • November 12, 2020 4pm – 5pm <p>By-Laws Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewording and eliminating of various sections of the By-Laws. • Review of work groups vs. sub committees.
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Julius Goslin, Staff Physician, Department of Health & Social Services</p> <p>Working to develop a clinical team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose to have more than one person review everything that comes through HCS and insuring quality is there. <p>Subscription we're part of the Medicaid Evidence based decisions project out of Oregon Health Science University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center of excellence for Medicaid project that Alaska put together. <p>HCS review on Opioid crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review to make sure Medicaid isn't paying for prescription in care that makes things worse. <p>Reimbursement for Genetic Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee being created. • Billing manual being created. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewing obstacles: how to communicate with providers, are these manual useable, etc. <p>Chronic Pain being and Medicaid being addressed through e-mail.</p> <p>Matt and Pepper will get together on Genetics and screening.</p>
10:00 – 10:15	Break

10:15 – 11:00	<p>MCAC Chair Dane Lenaker, MCAC Collaboration</p> <p>By-Laws Revision continued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press release clarification w/guidance from the State. • Sub-Committee clarification regarding public notice w/guidance from the State. • Minutes posted online for public to see. • All revision to be reviewed by legal. <p>MCAC members nominated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dane as Chair for another year. • Philip and Jeanie volunteer to be on the Executive Committee to assist the Chair. <p>Philip Hofstetter, MCAC Member</p> <p>Status update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the process of seeking funding for replacement facility for an aging facility. • Vendor issues over pricing. <p>Susan Wheeler, MCAC Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy issues regarding reimbursements. <p>Jeannie Monk, MCAC Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid Access Review Plan a concern. Methodology appears to be flawed but approved by MCAC members without full review. • 1115 Waiver - concern is soon the services will be billable but will there be anyone that provide services. <p>Dane Lenaker, MCAC Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental sedation concerns and potential fraud. • Consultant – Marco works for American Dental Association (ADA)/Health Care Economist. Willing to do huge data sheets for Dentistry at no cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern is data would have to be shared. • Concern of over utilization vs. required treatment including extraction. • Review of claims data. • Dane hired as a dental consultant.
11:00 – 12:00	<p>MCAC Member Update and Roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members voted in new members Katrina Wilson and Robert Lang.
12:00 – 2:30	<p>Work Groups: Draft Recommendations to Commissioner Crum in respective areas.</p>
2:30	<p>Adjourn – Airport</p>