

**Delaware Health Care Commission**  
**Thursday, January 5, 2017 9:00 AM**  
***The Outlook at the Duncan Center***  
***500 Loockerman St, Dover, DE***

***Meeting Minutes***

**Commission Members Present:** Nancy H. Fan, MD, Chair; Theodore W. Becker, Jr; Rita Landgraf, Secretary, Delaware Health and Social Services; Trinidad Navarro, Commissioner, Department of Insurance

**Commission Members Absent:** Thomas J. Cook; Secretary of Finance; Susan A. Cycyk, M.Ed., Director of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services, Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families; Richard Heffron; Janice L. Lee, MD; Kathleen Matt, PhD; Edmondo J. Robinson, MD, MBA; Dennis Rochford

**Staff Attending:** Laura Howard, Executive Director; Shebra Hall, Community Relations Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nancy Fan, MD called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. Dr. Fan also introduced the new Health Care Commission Board member, Trinidad Navarro, Delaware State Insurance Commissioner.

**MARKETPLACE UPDATE**

Secretary Rita Landgraf provided updates on Marketplace activities. Highlights included:

- ACA has helped to slow the rate of national health care spending. A recent CMS health care spending report for 2015, shows overall spending grew by 5.8% (to \$3.2 trillion dollars), which is up from 5.3% in 2014. Out-of-pocket spending for consumers grew by 2.6% in 2015 (to \$338 billion dollars), which compares with a 1.4% increase in 2014.
- In 2015, there was an increase in spending in major sources, including Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance, and Out-of-pocket spending. Spending for hospital care, physician and clinical services, dental services, home health care agencies, nursing care facilities, and prescription drug spending all increased in 2015, as well.
- Nationwide, more than 19 million Americans gained health coverage from 2010 to 2015, with significant gains in the insured population across all major demographics.

Open Enrollment for 2017:

- As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 8.8 million consumers enrolled in health coverage, an increase from this time last year. December 15<sup>th</sup> was the single biggest enrollment day of any open enrollment, with 670,000 consumers enrolling. Due to the high demand, CMS extended the deadline to enroll for coverage to begin January 1<sup>st</sup>, to December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 26,270 Delawareans had enrolled on the Marketplace for 2017, up slightly from this time last year. About 85% of Delawareans received tax credits in 2016 to help pay for premiums.
- Consumers must enroll by January 15<sup>th</sup> and pay their first month's premium, for coverage to begin February 1, 2017. For those who enroll by January 31<sup>st</sup> and pay their monthly premium, coverage will begin March 1, 2017. Open enrollment continues through January 31, 2017.
- Consumers without coverage will pay a tax penalty.

Stories from the Ground:

- Westside Health Care hosted an Open Enrollment Press Event in December. A few Delawareans shared their stories, and expressed how the ACA and Marketplace insurance impacts them.

Plan Management:

- Sec. Landgraf introduced Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro, sharing his extensive record of public service as both an insurance agent and then a police officer, and his various accomplishments. Mr. Navarro was elected in November as Delaware's 26<sup>th</sup> Insurance Commissioner. Mr. Navarro shared a few words, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to continue serving the public as Insurance Commissioner.

Sec. Landgraf closed her last Marketplace update as Cabinet Secretary for DHSS, with an editorial cartoon from The Journal News. Although it is uncertain what will become of the ACA in the future, Sec. Landgraf stated her wish is that consumers are informed about their options for coverage and have time to make decisions; no one who wants insurance will be prevented from getting it; and that our elected officials in Washington remember the stories from the ground and the people across the country who have benefited from the insurance and care they have received because of the ACA. Sec. Landgraf stated that she wants to celebrate the fact that we have all been a part of history in health policy, and that we can be proud of this moment in history. Sec. Landgraf said that in spite of the challenges, it has been an honor experiencing this, and she applauded everyone's efforts. Sec. Landgraf said she wants to bury a time capsule with some of the memories of the implementation of the ACA on the Herman Holloway Campus in New Castle, as a way to archive this historic time spent together. Going forward, she hopes we all use our voice to promote and advocate for promoting healthcare for all Delawareans.

*Discussion*

John Dodd, of Brooks & Dodd Consulting, asked if we had data on the number of 26 year old consumers who are entitled to coverage under their parent's health insurance, as part of the ACA reform, who will be effected if the ACA is repealed. Sec. Landgraf stated that she did not have that data on hand, but informed him that in previous talks between President Obama and President-Elect Trump, Mr. Trump indicated that a new plan for national health coverage may include some of the current conditions, including continued coverage for 26 years. As some republicans are not anxious to repeal the ACA without a replacement, there is some dialogue happening. Delaware elected officials in Congress and in the State Houses are doing their due diligence and taking part in the conversation, and advocating for the ACA. The National Governor's Association is also looking at the impact on individual states, so there is dialogue taking affect nationwide. Sec. Landgraf encouraged the public to use our voice to be a catalyst for support to ensure components are preserved for access to health care. Dr. Fan suggested this may also be a question for commercial insurance providers. Nick Moriello, of Health Insurance Associates, is a member of the National Association of Health Underwriters, and is serving as a technical resource for the new federal administration. They are working to consider the implications of potentially changing the various components of the ACA. He stated that he will continue to share updates with the DHCC as he gains information. Dr. Fan stated that although our federal delegation is in support of the ACA, those of us who are members of national associations that have a federal voice should continue to advocate for continued access to health care. Ted Becker, DHCC Board member and Mayor of the City of Lewes, agreed, and mentioned that he is a member of the National League of Cities.

Joann Hasse, of the League of Women Voters, inquired how those in special situations, such as women who are living in a domestic violence shelter, enroll in the Marketplace. Sec. Landgraf stated that there are some individuals that are in protected classes under the ACA law, and that navigators will be able to help them enroll.

Mr. Moriello requested the DHCC add some messaging to the ChooseHealthDE website to let consumers who have enrolled in the 2017 Marketplace know they have to make their first premium payment in order to activate their enrollment. Even if consumers do not receive an invoice, they are encouraged to make their first payment, otherwise their coverage does not effectuate. There are some systematic issues that navigators, agents, and brokers are working on, on a case-by-case basis, but some broadcast messaging to consumers may help to inform consumers of their responsibilities. Dr. Fan suggested that with the increase in enrollment, we may need to reiterate this information to consumers.

**Action item:** Offer some broadcast messaging and reminders to Marketplace consumers, to make premium payments on their plan enrollments in order to activate enrollment.

A copy of the full Marketplace update can be found on the Delaware Health Care Commission website: [http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/dhcc\\_presentations.html](http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/dhcc_presentations.html)

### **STATE INNOVATION MODEL (SIM) UPDATE**

Laura Howard provided updates on the CMMI State Innovation Model (SIM) grant management. Highlights included grant activities, budget, reports and timelines:

- SIM grant Quarterly Progress Report was submitted on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Year 3 Operational Plan was submitted December 1<sup>st</sup>. Both are awaiting CMMI approval.
- Year 3 will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and have a smaller budget than previous grant years (Year 1: \$12 million; Year 2: \$11 million; Year 3: \$5.5 million). Year 3 will focus more on program implementation, and less on consultant support, maintaining strategic counsel from McKinsey & Co, and receive grant management support and reporting from PCG.

Delaware Center for Health Innovation (DCHI) updates included:

- The DCHI Board strategic plan was approved at the December Board meeting.
- There is ongoing progress on DCHI initiatives including, the state-wide launch of the Common Scorecard; providers enrolling in Practice Transformation services; the launch of value-based payment models by insurance payers; and the approval of funding for the BH EMR Assistance Program.

Practice Transformation Learning Collaborative:

- The Learning Collaborative will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7:30am – 1:30pm at The Outlook at the Duncan Center in Dover.
- The Learning Collaborative is an educational opportunity for health care providers, practice managers, and staff. Learning objectives will focus on value-based care, understanding the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), and building capabilities to deliver better care through practice transformation. Participants have the opportunity to earn CME credits.
- Register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTLC17>, and contact the DHCC with any questions.

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*Discussion*

Dr. Fan stated that the DCHI strategic plan focuses on the future, beyond the SIM grant, concentrating on sustainability and goals for the future. The DCHI strategic plan is available on the DCHI website and the DHCC Board has also received a copy.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**RECOGNITION OF DHCC BOARD MEMBERS**

Although he was not present, Dr. Fan recognized Secretary Thomas Cook, for serving on the DHCC Board as an Ex-Officio member for several years. She stated how important it has been to have Cabinet representation in the work that they do, and expressed the gratitude and appreciation from the DHCC Board. Dr. Fan presented Sec. Landgraf with a Proclamation from Governor Jack Markell. Dr. Fan read the Proclamation, emphasizing his appreciation of Sec. Landgraf’s many years of work towards the health and well-being for all Delawareans. Sec. Landgraf received a standing ovation as she addressed the public. Sec. Landgraf stated how serving as Cabinet Secretary has afforded her the opportunity to gain a sense of purpose and clarity on what is truly important. She expressed bountiful gratitude for being able to serve, and said that the past eight years have been the highest honor of her life, to have been able to serve the people of Delaware. Dr. Fan stated that the Proclamation echoed the gratitude of the DHCC Board Members, and they wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

**DIMER AND DIDER**

Dr. Fan stated that the next six weeks will be crucial as we work towards the restoration of DIMER and DIDER funds to the State budget. Several stakeholders are advocating for DIMER and DIDER and working to align talking points to educate the public and legislators. Dr. Fan shared that the legislature will be back in session next week and that there will be a JFC hearing in February.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lolita Lopez, of Westside Health Care thanked Sec. Landgraf for her work over the past eight years, and hopes that the DHCC can maintain the same level of positivity and forward thinking that Sec. Landgraf brought to the Commission. Ms. Lopez stated that the Delaware delegation in Congress is being supportive in monitoring and influencing the various health care policy changes. She shared that Senator Coons is hosting round tables, and is looking to hear more of the stories from the ground, so these stories can be shared on Capitol Hill. The first round table will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Christiana Care. Ted Becker wanted to thank Ms. Lopez for chairing the Governor-Elect’s Transition Team for the Health and Education Committee. She made sure the Governor-Elect’s Team had all the information they needed, including information on DIMER, DIDER and SLRP. Dr. Fan added that there is a lot of work that occurs behind the scenes to ensure a seamless transition for the new administration, and expressed gratitude to both Ms. Lopez and Mr. Becker for their work in that effort.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Delaware Health Care Commission is Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 9:00am. Meetings will be held at Del Tech for the remainder of the year.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

## GUESTS

Julane Armbrister	Delaware Center for Health Innovation
Helen Arthur	Delaware Health Care Commission
Carol Bancroft	DTCC
Jan Brunory	Department of Insurance
Judy Chaconas	Division of Public Health
Mike Cordrey	ab+c
Mitch Crane	Department of Insurance
John Dodd	Brooks & Dodd Consulting
Jim Grant	PCG
Sheila Grant	AARP
Joann Hasse	League of Women Voters
Jonathan Kirch	American Heart Assoc./American Stroke Assoc.
Lolita Lopez	Westside Family Healthcare
Cheyenne Luzader	Beebe Healthcare
Fleur McKendall	Department of Insurance
Reid Millius	DPBHS
Nick Moriello	Health Insurance Assoc.
R.W. Munson, Jr.	United Medical, LLC
Cathy Murphy	Beebe
Maggie Norris Bent	Westside Family Healthcare
Brian Olson	La Red Health Center
Alex Parkowski	ab+c
Mollie Polland	Nemours
Frank Pyle	Department of Insurance
Paula Roy	Roy Associates/DCSN
Vince Ryan	Department of Insurance
Christine Schultz	
Wayne Smith	DHA
Stuart Snyder	Department of Insurance
Karen Stover	Highmark DE
Robin Taylor	Department of Insurance
Shari Thomasson	MedAllies
Jose Tieso	HPE (Medicaid)
Latoya Wright	Delaware Health Care Commission