



## The Delaware Health Care Commission Meeting

November 1, 2018 - 9 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

### Meeting Attendance

**Commission Members Present:** Dr. Nancy Fan (Chair); Dr. Kara Odom Walker (DHSS); Theodore W. Becker (Mayor of Lewes); Trinidad Navarro (DOI); Dr. Jan Lee (DHIN); Bob Dunleavy (DSCYTF); Secretary Rick Geisenberger; Dennis Rochford (Maritime Exchange for DE River & Bay); Dr. Kathleen Matt (University of Delaware)

**Commission Members Absent:** Richard Heffron; Dr. Edmondo Robinson (CCHS)

**Meeting Facilitator:** Dr. Nancy Fan (Chair)

**Health Care Commission Staff:** Elisabeth Scheneman, Executive Director; Kiara Cole, Community Relations Officer; Eschalla Clarke, Social Services Sr. Administrator

### CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Fan called the meeting to order at approximately 9:04 a.m.

### Meeting Minutes Approval – October 4, 2018

Dr. Fan requested the commissioners to briefly review the October 4, 2018 meeting minutes. Dr. Fan motioned for the meeting minutes to be approved. Dr. Jan Lee motioned to approve the minutes; Commissioner Dennis Rochford seconded the motion. All Commissioners present were in favor of approving the October 4, 2018 meeting minutes. Motioned approved.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### Delaware Institute of Dental Education & Research (DIDER) proposal – Dr. Nicholas Conte

Dr. Conte provided a DIDER program overview and purpose. Visit [https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/dhcc\\_presentations2018.html](https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/dhcc_presentations2018.html) to learn more about the DIDER program.

#### ***Discussion***

Ted Becker commented on his participation in the DIMER and DIDER meetings as a board member for both programs. The partnership approved by the Health Care Commission between the Delaware Health Science Alliance (DSHA) and Delaware Institute of Medical Education and Research (DIMER), he

suggested that DIDER become in alignment with DSHA as well to help benefit additionally opportunities for potential and current DIDER students. Dr. Nancy Fan asked Dr. Conte if the partnership with DSHA and DIDER has been approved by the board and if the DIDER board is fully represented (i.e. does not have any vacancies or expired appointments). Dr. Conte answered yes to the first questions, however, there is one board vacancy that will need to be filled by Delaware State University per the Delaware Code Title 16, Chapter 99 (<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c099/sc05/index.shtml>). Dr. Fan asked about what the proposed budget would be. Ted Becker informed her that the DIDER board did not have a budget discussion.

#### State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) – Dr. Nancy Fan

Dr. Fan presented the SLRP handout that was *only* provided to the Commissioners. The handout was not distributed to public attendees. Dr. Fan mentioned that the carryover request for 2019 was submitted to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

#### ***Discussion***

Rick Geisenberger commented that the SLRP partnership is a fantastic idea, however, was concerned about the potential and current students feeling a connectedness to Delaware which would then urge them to want to practice in Delaware.

### **POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

#### Primary Care (PC) Collaborative – Dr. Nancy Fan

Dr. Fan provided a brief update regarding the first Primary Care Reform Collaborative that took place on Wednesday, September 27, 2018. Three (3) of six (6) meetings have been carried out in accordance with Senator Bill 227. Rhode Island (RI) and Maine (ME) presented at the Primary Care Collaborative meeting held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Rhode Island and Maine are ahead of Delaware on practice transformation (PT) and payment reform. They pivoted payment reform for primary care. Implementing a study group RI has been on the path for over 5 years and have an office in the insurance realm to help sustain PC within their state. They asked for a 12% investment in PC over 5 years. The concept of investment isn't just reimbursement; there was also PT care coordination and health information technology with their models being centered on the patient. Marie Ganim, PhD, the Health Insurance Commissioner for RI, was able to provide a lot of lessons learned. They are not in much of a crisis; they are more stable, but not many people are not flocking to do PC in RI.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 – and the topic of discussion will be to look at large health care systems and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and what initiatives Delaware has piloted.

Delaware Payers will present on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, regarding what they would like to see with their respective initiatives.

The last Primary Care Collaborative meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 and will focus on consumers and what will be useful for them. View the Primary Care Collaborative meeting materials here: <https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/collab.html>

#### Medicaid Buy-In Study Group

Secretary Kara Odom Walker provided a summary of the most recent Medicaid Buy-In Study Group meeting that was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. The meetings are chaired by Representative Paul Bombach and Senator Bryan Townsend. Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro and Secretary Kara Odom Walker are both members of the study group. The first meeting was essentially an open dialogue on what the overarching goals would be and to refine their focus. The second meeting, DHCC was asked to give context around Medicaid in Delaware; how many people are on Medicaid, how many people are on the Marketplace, etc. In the third meeting, members of the study group discussed waivers and how the 1332 and 1115 can intersect as well as what expansion of Medicaid look like and how that expansion can be supported.

The next Medicaid Buy-In Study Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7, and their Commissioner Navarro and Secretary Kara Odom Walker will be presenting and discussing the Maryland model for Medicaid Buy-In and some financial strategies to help strengthen Medicaid in Delaware.

## **UPDATES**

### Marketplace Update – Jill Fredel

Jill Fredel provided a brief update on the upcoming Marketplace Insurance enrollment period. A few highlights of the Marketplace presentation:

- Affordable Care Act (ACA) is still the law of the land. There is a lot of confusion around this... ACA still reigns.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau DE's uninsured rate for 2017 dropped to 5.4%.
- In 2008, Delaware's uninsured rate was 10%.
- For the U.S., the uninsured rate for 2017 was 8.8%.

Enrollment will run from Thursday, November 1, 2018 to Saturday, December 15, 2018 with scheduled maintenance to Healthcare.gov website every Sunday (except Sunday, December 2, 2018). Visit [https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/dhcc\\_presentations2018.html](https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/dhcc_presentations2018.html) to learn more about the Marketplace Insurance program. Or visit [www.Healthcare.gov](http://www.Healthcare.gov) to shop plans.

### ***Discussion***

Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro noted a few things that the Department of Insurance submitted a radio ad to WDEL and WTSW to help increase awareness of the open enrollment timeframe. DOI, DHSS and Westside Family Healthcare will be utilizing social media to increase awareness as well. Commissioner Navarro encourages individuals to share information pertaining to the open enrollment timeframe to connections on social media.

### Public Comment

Wayne Smith posed a question regarding the lowest percentage we can engage the uninsured. Dr. Fan mentioned that his question is a hard one to answer.

### ***Discussion***

Dr. Jan Lee commented that the real issue is, can people afford to have access to affordable care at a price that they can afford to pay. Dr. Nancy Fan - are we going to highlight the fact that maintenance will take place on Sunday morning via marketing? Jill Fredel answered that it will highlighted that there will be scheduled website maintenance

Dennis Rochford asked if there something on the website that there will be "Ongoing Maintenance," and Jill Fredel answered, yes, they normally have something on the website.

Commissioner Navarro – we're trying to reassure folks that you can still register on Sunday's. I think this is something that we should highlight at the press conference on Monday, November 5, 2018.

**Public Comment**

Lolita Lopez - Westside is committed to this effort. The comment around access - DIMER, DIDER, SLRP and PC Collaborative, everything has to be done at the same time and they all are working towards the same goal even though a different scope

**Healthy Neighborhoods - Kristan McIntosh (HMA)**

Kristan McIntosh provided an overview of the Healthy Communities initiatives funded. Visit [https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/dhcc\\_presentations2018.html](https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/dhcc_presentations2018.html) to learn more about the Healthy Neighborhoods initiatives funded through the State Innovation Model (SIM) grant.

***Discussion***

Ted Becker asked which schools [in Sussex County] are partners for the Sussex County Health Coalition's School-Based Integrated Mental Health Service Program? The schools that are involved are Seaford, Woodbridge, Mispillion and Indian River are the schools that are current partners. With the potential for expansion to additional schools.

Dr. Nancy Fan - are all of these programs aware that they are budget-limited? What is the role of the councils? Kristan answered, yes, they are all aware. It varies by region. We're keeping folks engaged and partnering with the implementation partners for support. In some cases, some of the potential payers are on the local councils as well. Local councils are more support than actually helping with implementation.

***Discussion***

Dr. Jan Lee - Are there any updates regarding the mini-grants? Secretary Kara Odom Walker mentioned that there is not an update.

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no other business, Dr. Nancy Fan adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next HCC meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 6, 2018** at the Delaware Technical College Terry Campus in the Training Center Rooms A & B.