



Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting

November 12, 2024

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Ann Kay Cefalu Logarbo, MD, FAAP – *Aetna*

Annelies De Wulf, MD, MPH, FAIM – *LSU Health Sciences*

Cheryll Bowers-Stephens, MD, MBA – *Healthy Blue*

Damien Cuffie, DDS, MPH – *DentaQuest*

Glenda Johnson, MD – *United Healthcare Community*

Joseph Biggio, Jr., MD, MS - *Ochsner*

Larry Humble, PharmD, PhD – *University of Louisiana Monroe*

Michael Bodin, MD – *OLOL Physicians Group*

Michael Giorlando, DDS – *MCNA*

Rodney Wise, MD – *AmeriHealth Caritas of Louisiana*

Shantel Hebert-Magee, MD, MPH – *Louisiana Medicaid Chief Medical Officer*

Shelly Gupta, MD – *Humana (Present by Proxy)*

Stewart T. Gordon, MD – *Louisiana Health Care Connections*

Tonya Joiner – *Louisiana Department of Health (Present by Proxy)*

Vanessa de la Cruz, MD – *Louisiana Department of Health*

Wes Hataway – *Louisiana Nursing Home Association*

Yvonne Dominigue, MS, RN – *Department of Children and Family Services*

Members Absent

David M. Carter, DMD – *Smiles Family Dentistry Orthodontics*

Eboness Black – *Volunteers of America*

Floyd Roberts, Jr., MD – *Louisiana Hospital Association*

Gerrelda Davis, MBA – *Louisiana Primary Care Association*

Jamie Duplechine - *Advocate*

Joe R. Rosier, Jr., CFA – *The Rapides Foundation*

Justin Bennet FNP-BC – *Rural Health Nursing*

Mark Keiser, MBA, MPH – *Access Health Louisiana*

Rep. Stephanie Berault – *Louisiana House of Representatives*

Sen. Regina Barrow – *Louisiana State Senate*

Steve B. Spedale, MD, FAAP – *Infamedics*



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hebert-Magee.

Welcome and Roll Call

Dr. Shantel Hebert-Magee welcomed members.

Roll call was conducted by Kate Stewart, confirming a quorum.

Medicaid Program Updates

Quality Improvement Section Chief, Tim Williams provided Medicaid program updates.

- There is a new RFP anticipated in May 2025.
- State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)
 - Behavioral Health, Chronic Disease, and Maternal and Child Health.
- Applying for the Cell and Gene Therapy Modeling Grant
- The application for the 1115 release waiver has been submitted. A meeting was held on August 13th for public comments. This waiver will last approximately two years.
- Currently working to implement targeted case management for youth who are incarcerated.
 - Consolidated Appropriations Act: Section 5121
 - Case management would occur 30 days before their release and we are required to set up any necessary medical care or doctor's appointments as soon as possible upon their release.
 - Working with DOJ, OJJ, and local parish jails on this implementation.

Medicaid Medical Director Updates

Review of minutes from the May 14, 2024 meeting.

Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Dr. Glenda Johnson seconded. Motion is passed.

Review of minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting.

Dr. Annelies De Wulf made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Dr. Joseph Biggio seconded. Motion is passed.

New CMS Rule

Tim Williams provided an update on the new CMS rule.

- State agencies must create a Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) by July 9, 2025.
- The BAC should be made up of Medicaid enrollees, families of enrollees, and paid or unpaid caregivers of enrollees.



- The BAC must meet separately and in advance of MAC meetings.
- The BAC and MAC must offer a variety of meeting participation options.
- At least two MAC meetings per year must be public.
- The BAC and MAC must each meet once per quarter.
- States must publicly post the MAC and BAC annual report, bylaws, membership lists, member recruitment/selection process, and meeting minutes. MAC members must be provided an opportunity to review the annual report.
- Membership:
 - States are encouraged to include diverse perspectives, the selection process must be open to the public, and states must establish a membership term limit.
- At least one member of the state's executive staff must attend all BAC and MAC meetings.

Revised Bylaws

Additions have been made to Article III, Subcommittees, and the creation of both Section 3 (BAC) Section 4 (Home and Community Based Services).

Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo made a motion to approve bylaws, Dr. Rodney Wise and Dr. Larry Humble seconded. Motion is passed.

PUPP Quarterly Report

Subcommittee Updates:

- Adult Medicine – No new updates.
- Behavioral Health – Dr. Hebert-Magee on behalf of Dr. Lannis Tynes reported the subcommittee is looking at prior authorization to pharmaceutical medications for behavioral health medications.
- Dental – Dr. Mosca reported the subcommittee is focusing on increasing emphasis on preventative minimally invasive and timely care, enhancing managed care plan engagement and accountability, and enhancing the capacity for quality measurement and data analytics to track progress and impact.
- Emergency Medicine – Dr. De Wulf reported the committee is looking at barriers that affect the ER. Her goal is to also focus on the topic of pediatric emergency preparedness.
- Neonatology – Dr. Hebert-Magee provided the update on behalf of Dr. Spedale. She reports the subcommittee is focused on high-grade breast pumps and working with WIC to rectify the challenges of obtaining a pump with sufficient suction.
- Obstetrics – Dr. Joseph Biggio reported the group will meet at the end of October. At a prior meeting, the group discussed the importance of Medicaid enrollees and frontline staff being aware of all the services that are available and ways to get the message out. The subcommittee also discussed potential new quality measures that revolve around prenatal care.
- Pediatrics – No new updates.
- Laboratory Medicine and Test Utilization – Dr. Hebert Magee reported the group is continuing to assess therapies for prostate cancer patients. However, novel agents are costly. She states the subcommittee is searching for mechanisms to decrease costs for members.



- Community-Based Social Services – Nick Albares reported the group’s inaugural meeting occurred on November 6, 2024. Topics were the subcommittee’s priorities which led to an energized discussion around peer support, community health workers, and food insecurity. The group’s initial task is resource mapping across MCOs to see what’s already available. Five MCOs were present. The sixth MCO is going through a staff transition.

Open Forum

Dr. Hebert-Magee provided a recap of the MAC’s successes and achievements for the year as well as future endeavors for the committee. Tentative dates for 2025: February 11, May 3, August 12, and November 11.

Adjourn

Dr. Giorlando made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Biggio seconded. Motion passed.