



**Medicaid Quality Committee Quarterly Meeting
February 21, 2020 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Attendance		
Marcus Bachhuber, MD	MCO	Present
Justin Bennett, NP	Rural Health Nursing	On Phone
Joseph Biggio, Jr. MD MS	Ochsner Obstetricians	Absent
Alexander Billioux, MD	LDH-Office of Public Health	On Phone
Gerrelde Davis, MBA	Louisiana Primary Care Association	Present
Yvonne Domingue, MS, RN	Department of Children and Family Services	Absent
Michael Giorlando, DDS	MCNA	Present
Stewart T. Gordon, MD	Louisiana Healthcare Connections	Present
Larry Humble, PharmD, PhD	University of Louisiana at Monroe	Present
James Hussey, MD	LDH-Office of Behavioral Health	Present
Mark Keiser	Access Health Louisiana	Absent
Lyn Kieltyka, PhD	Office of Public Health/CDC	Absent
Madelyn Meyn, MD	Aetna	Present
Senator Fred Mills, Jr.	LA State Senate	Absent
Julie Morial, MD	United Healthcare	On Phone
Mary Noel	HCA Louisiana	Absent
Raymond Poliquit, MD	Healthy Blue	Present
Floyd Roberts, Jr., MD	Louisiana Hospital Association	On Phone
Tara Roberts, PT	Louisiana Nursing Home Association	On Phone
Joe Rosier	The Rapides Foundation	Absent
Steve Spedale, MD, FAAP	Infamedics	Present
Shelia Sterling, LMSW	Volunteers of America	On Phone
John A. Vanchiere, MD	Physicians – Shreveport	Present
Craig Vitrano, MD	FMOLHS	On Phone
Rodney Wise, MD	AmeriHealth Caritas of Louisiana	Present

Call to Order

- The Medicaid Quality Committee was called to order at 1:05 pm by Dr. Marcus Bachhuber.

Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

- Welcome and introductions were made by Dr. Marcus Bachhuber
- Herbert Twase conducted the roll call of Quality Committee members. A quorum was confirmed.

Review and Approval of Minutes for November 22, 2019 Meeting- *Dr. Marcus Bachhuber*

- Dr. Rodney Wise motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Dr. John Vanchiere seconded. The meeting minutes were approved with no opposition.

LDH Interim Secretary Update- *Stephen Russo*

- Stephen Russo stated the Governor tasked him to take over as Interim Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.
- Stephen Russo stated LDH has a new Secretary, Dr. Courtney Philips. Dr. Philips will be starting mid-April. Mr. Russo briefly explained Dr. Philips work history at LDH and in most recent years. Stephen Russo announced that the Department continues to search for a Medicaid Director as well as a Medicaid Chief Operating Officer.
- Stephen Russo provided an update on the MCO re-procurement process. He stated Commissioner of Administration will try to have a decision by March 13th, however, the Commissioner said he reserves the right to push the decision date if necessary.
- Stephen Russo said the most pressing issue LDH has now is how to handle Open Enrollment. He stated LDH has been working with CMS to align the new contracts that were supposed to start January 1, 2021
- Stephen Russo stated the MCO emergency contract has a focus on quality.
- Dr. John Vanchiere expressed his concerns about issues children are facing around the State such as congenital syphilis. He asked what the Department is doing to address population health.
 - Stephen Russo responded that one of the things the Governor is concerned about is early childhood development and maternal mortality. Both items will be addressed in the new contract.
- Additionally, the new LDH contracts have requirements and metrics around social determinants of health and population health.
- Dr. John Vanchiere commented on another issue LDH need addressed is pediatric mental health, Children are having more behavioral health issues and Pediatric providers are spending a great deal of time addressing behavioral issues.
 - Stephen Russo responded that he had a meeting with two senators on how to provide better mental health. At LDH, Mark Thomas, Deputy Secretary and Karen Stubbs, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Behavioral Health, both are currently redesigning the mental health rehabilitation program and mental health in general to address issues that were stated by Dr. Vanchiere.
 - Dr. John Vanchiere expressed his concerns about provider reimbursement.

2019 Quality Year-End Review

- Dr. Marcus Bachhuber presented on the **2019 Quality Year-End Review**. Topics included are: quality withhold, value-based payment withhold, quality measure dashboard, Hepatitis C treatment dashboard and the 2019 quality measure results. *(The presentations are located on Medicaid Quality Committee website)*
- Dr. John Vanchiere asked whether the quality withhold was evenly spread out with the Managed Care Organizations.
 - Dr. Marcus Bachhuber stated the withhold was evenly well spread out.
- Berkeley Durbin, asked what LDH is doing to address the contributions of independent physicians since most of the quality metrics are more attainable to large hospitals and healthcare systems as it relates to value based payment.
 - Dr. Marcus Bachhuber responded that independent physicians can and do contribute towards VBP arrangements and achieving quality metrics.
- Dr. Marcus Bachhuber stated last year Medicaid launched the LDH Medicaid Managed Care Quality Dashboard to promote transparency and healthcare accountability. The dashboard is currently updated with the 2019 results.
- Dr. Marcus Bachhuber mentioned the Hepatitis C Treatment Dashboard was created to track Hepatitis C progress in Louisiana and the Hepatitis C provider training materials are available with the Office of Public Health.

New Medicaid Coverage Request

- Dr. Marcus Bachhuber mentioned Medicaid has a process for evaluating Medicaid coverage requests. Currently, Medicaid has received requests for Donor Human Breast Milk for Premature Infants.
- Dr. Stephen Spedale presented on **Donor Human Breast Milk for Premature Infants**. *(The presentation is located on Medicaid Quality Committee website)*
- **Presentations of Special Topics or Quality Related Studies/Activities- Congenital Syphilis in Louisiana: Partnering for Healthy Babies- Chaquetta Johnson** *(The presentation is located on the Medicaid Quality Committee website)*

Proposed Theme for the Next Meeting: Access to Subspecialty Care suggested by Dr. John Vanchiere.

Adjourn

2020 Medicaid Quality Committee Meeting Schedule

May 15, 2020

August 21, 2020

November 20, 2020