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Co-Chairs: Rep. Michelle Cook & Rep. Hilda Santiago

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

10:00 AM in ROOM 2A OF THE LOB

Attendance is on Record with the Council.

I. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 PM by the Chair, Representative Cook. She welcomed members and thanked them for being present.

Introductions were made by those in attendance.

II. Kate McEvoy started with an introduction and shared her excitement in where MQISSP is going. She introduced Charles Lassiter of Mercer who introduced his team who would be presenting on different aspects of the project.

1. Charles gave an overview of what would be reviewed throughout the meeting (See Attachment). He added that Maggie Wolf was not able to be present.

https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/0826/20150826ATTACH_MQISSP%20MAPOC%20Briefing.pdf

1a, b. Charles started with the timeline (See Attachment) which had been revised from the original. He went through all of the timeframes and dates of important checkpoints in the project and its implementation. DSS has met all the requirements necessary to file with the federal government.

https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/0826/20150826ATTACH_MQISSP%20Timeline_Draft_Extensions.pdf

Rep. Abercrombie asked Kate if there was any idea on when we would hear back from the federal government. Kate explained that Mark Schaefer would take appropriate actions at a SIM meeting in September and then send appropriate documents to CMS.

Mary Alice Lee asked about the RFP. Charles stated that they would go through some of the proposals but that there is more to be developed. She then asked about MAPOC requesting to have a representative on the DSS committee reviewing the program.

2. Charles explained the Concept paper (See Attachment) which is intended to engage in conversation with CMS. The timeframe for submission is by August 31st.
https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/0826/20150826ATTACH_MQISSP%20Concept%20Paper%20for%20CMS.pdf

Joel Norwood, from DSS, went through the process of submitting documents and forms to CMS. He talked about routine modifications vs. significant programs and the complexity of the negotiations.

Mary Alice Lee asked who from DSS is the primary lead on the project.

Karl Lee Hall said that it would be helpful if the document was constantly updated.

Ellen Andrews explained her trouble with the timeframe. She stated that 6 months is better than where they were, but feels that August 31st is coming fast and more time is needed. Kate McEvoy explained her understanding of Ellen's feeling and the process of determining the length of reviewing and moving forward. She added that the document is conceptual and does not trap us into anything and allows for more review, discussion and tweaking. Kate urged anyone to channel comments or questions through the Council Clerk.

Jean Mills Aranha, on behalf of Sheldon Toubman, reiterated the concerns of Ellen.

2a. Charles Lassiter began presenting the Participating Entities Qualifications list (See Attachment)
https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/0826/20150826ATTACH_MQISSP%20Participating%20Entity%20Qualifications%20Handout.pdf

Mike Corjulo asked about the panel size. Charles and Kate discussed having to be careful during the RFP process.

Ellen gave her opinion that it was hard to understand what the size of the panel should be when we do not know what the risk is. She expressed concern with accountability and the need to regulate the savings. Charles said that those things would need to be given consideration. Kate went over Ellen's comments and hoped Stewart's upcoming discussion would help with clarification.

Sharon asked about the FQHC's.

Jane McNichol asked how the program fits in with the CCIP: Clinical and Community Integration Program. Kate briefly explained the program and its purpose and relationship to MQISSP. She gave her interpretation that CCIP would not use Medicaid funds but rather be a SIM funded grant initiative.

Mark Keenan from DPH asked for comments on the Advanced Networks and Care Coordination. Lisa Hongfeld commented on the lack of coordination and need for more to be done. Discussion followed with Charles and Kate about what is in the concept paper.

Mike asked for clarification on the CCIP and funding of RFP. Kate asked Faina to comment to which she added that it was just technical assistance through the SIM grant only. Kate explained further and added that it would be useful to look at the SIM documents on their website or to distribute them in order to work from a conceptual discussion to actually building into the RFP within the time frame.

Rep. Abercrombie asked that questions that are not able to be covered be transmitted to DSS and Mercer through Rich.

Charles added that the Concept paper is not a Mercer document. It is a DSS one.

3a. Charles began by talking about the webinars and process of forming the proposed measure list and what is included and what is left out of the selection criteria.

Ellen wanted to confirm that it was a set of measures but not necessarily the set that money would be tied to. She shared her concerns and opinion of the technical challenges.

Jane shared the SIM Quality Council's recommendations for prioritizing among HER-based measures and among claims-based measures.

Jean on behalf of Sheldon gave some brief comments she felt Sheldon would want to express. Ellen added additional comments on underservice and overservice.

Cindy Ward believed there would be necessary follow up discussion of care coordination and the required activities. Kate stated that the care coordination for FQHCs under PCMH was a starting point, and they would be moving beyond that to develop a broad list of ideas. She added that they will develop and circulate a document before the next meeting. Rep. Abercrombie asked for a two week window to work with.

Ellen asked how this fits within timeline and felt the committee needed a late September meeting. It was agreed upon to do a webinar.

Discussion on the time frame began with Ellen, Rep. Cook and Kate McEvoy on the care coordination piece and the need to work on it as quickly as possible.

4a. Charles gave the floor to Stewart who went through the Elements handout (See Attachment).

https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/0826/20150826ATTACH_MQISSP%20Elements.pdf

Ellen explained her problem with a retrospective attribution model and felt more discussion was needed. Rep. Abercrombie agreed that more discussion was needed. Kate believed it would be good to schedule a structured phone call with Dr. Zavoski.

Jesse White-Frese asked how a measure would be reviewed. Mary Ann from CHN added comments on the measure.

Ellen discussed children not being in the first phase in a financial risk model. Kate went over who was looked at as being targeted.

Michael asked for clarification on Jesse and Mary Ann's conversation.

Charles Lassiter asked the chairs how they wished to proceed with the scheduled meeting time coming to an end.

Rep. Cook suggested for members to review the document and send any questions or comments to the Council Clerk.

Stewart continued going through the table.

Ellen asked about a minimum savings rate. Charles stated at this point it wasn't believed to be needed.

4b. Stewart Campbell briefly went over the Shared Savings Payment Principles Document (See Attachment). To save time the chairs asked that questions be sent to the Clerk.
https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/0826/20150826ATTACH_MQISSP%20Shared%20Savings%20Payment%20Principles.pdf

Ellen added that she would like to have a better understanding on the document.
Kate thanked members for the discussion and progress with moving forward.

IV. There was brief discussion on the timeframe of the Program and future meetings.

The next meeting will be on September 9, 2015 at 9:30 AM in Room 1A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07.

Richard Eighme
Council Clerk