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

**MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 09, 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 10:08 PM by the Chair, Representative Abercrombie. She welcomed members and thanked them for being present.

Introductions were made by those in attendance.

**II.** Kate McEvoy thanked everyone for their involvement in MQISSP. She explained that DSS and Mercer were enlisting support on a few action items that are on the agenda and need work.

Charles Lassiter introduced Maggie Wolf and Cindy Ward who went through the information on the webinar. Maggie went through the presentation that was distributed on the webinar on entity oversight requirements (see attachment).

[https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/1209/20151209ATTACH\\_MQISSP%20Participating%20Entity%20Oversight%20Requirements.pdf](https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/1209/20151209ATTACH_MQISSP%20Participating%20Entity%20Oversight%20Requirements.pdf)

Steven Frayne asked about the comparison of PCMH vs. FQHC on slide 3. He felt that requirements were being discounted for certain groups. Steven then asked for clarification on the 2,500 requirement.

Steven Frayne gave his definition of oversight and what concerns him. Karyl Lee Hall added comments on what she believes oversight fundamentally means. Ellen Andrews talked about how MAPOC is an oversight body and that she feels oversight is the perfect word. Sharon Langer said she likes the word oversight but agreed with Stephen that the oversight role should be more specific.

Lisa Honigfeld added that children with special needs might be important to include in the oversight. Sharon added that in addition to reviewing a member with limited English proficiency, further demographics should be provided.

Ellen expressed that in the work group it was discussed that people have proxies and that percentages be in place to make sure there is a fair amount of consumer representation. Steve asked for further clarification on the overlapping and decision making power. Ellen talked about some of the ways the oversight body could function.

Discussion was had on the process of RFP.

Sheldon Toubman shared his concern with cherry picking and that the program is building on PCMH. He shared the options to prevent any cherry picking and the idea of refusing shared shavings as a consequence. Ellen added that not getting savings in the first year may lead to not having much of a penalty if no one is getting shared savings any ways. She talked about the appearance of trends and the shared savings looking well when patient risk is being segmented. Steven Frayne expressed that he felt that the entity would have difficulty cherry picking. Ellen stated that it could happen and that it would be difficult to do it for the first year but going forward it was possible. Steve Frayne stated that PCMH is only covering so much of the Medicaid population and the rest should not be ignored.

Charles stated that Mercer could put together an issue paper to be used at a future meeting.

Sharon Langer asked about material giving numbers of Medicaid populations. Kate will circulate numbers.

CHN was asked for their perspective based on the PCMH program and going through with MQISSP. Proposal of 12 to 18 months is appropriate. Assessment of a practices readiness for practice transformation would need to be done before going forward with the process. Sheldon thanked CHN for the information and felt that it should be included in the RFP. He added comments to the statement Steven Frayne made about needing to get more people involved and shared what he felt the goal was and what would be in the best interest of the Medicaid population.

Maggie continued going through the recommendations discussed during the work group. Ellen also added the conflict of interests for consumer members.

Cindy Ward went through the proposed communication plan development phase (see attachments) and shared what had been discussed and recommended during the workgroup. [https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/1209/20151209ATTACH\\_MQISSP\\_Communication%20Plan\\_Draft%20for%20Discussion\\_12\\_8\\_2015.pdf](https://www.cga.ct.gov/med/committees/med1/2015/1209/20151209ATTACH_MQISSP_Communication%20Plan_Draft%20for%20Discussion_12_8_2015.pdf)

Ellen shared a few things she believed should be added to the communication plan. Cindy expressed that the document was meant to set a framework more than providing detail and context.

Sharon asked how the wording would look to consumers. Cindy stated that they are in the process of drafting answers to frequently asked member questions. Kate McEvoy talked about

one of the committee's purposes being to solicit feedback on every aspect of MQISSP including wording of documents.

Sheldon asked how things would be worded in comparison to the EAC's recommendations and the goal should not be to say this is a great thing, though we hope it to be.

Jane asked for clarification on the communication plan and whether it's in the RFP. Kate stated that the expectation is that these standards are included for participating entities. It will be required under minimum standards in MQISSP

Charles recapped the meeting and what would be done in the immediate future moving forward. Lisa asked for a bigger picture of the schedule moving forward. Joel Norwood provided information on the submission of the proposal paper to CMS. Sheldon added that Joel had agreed to add language about the paper being a work in process. Charles stated that we can revisit the time line and stakeholdering grid.

Rep. Cook asked Rich to send out an email for a reminder of the ability to send comments to DSS on the concept paper. She thanked everyone for their compassion with the loss of her father.

**III and IV.** Rep. Abercrombie shared the tentative 2016 schedule and what would happen for January.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 PM.

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Richard Eighme  
Council Clerk