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Chairs: Sen. Terry Gerratana and Rep. Catherine Abercrombie

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 10, 2015

9:30 AM in Room 1E of the LOB

Attendance is on Record with the Council.

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:49 PM by the Chair, Rep. Abercrombie.

Introductions were made by Council Members and Agency Personnel.

IIA. Personnel from DSS gave a presentation on Benefit Center Enrollment and Eligibility (See Attachment).

http://cga.ct.gov/med/council/2015/0710/20150710ATTACH_BCMAPOC%20July%202015.pdf

Rep. Abercrombie thanked the Department for their presentation and opened the floor to questions.

Molly Rees Gavin asked if there was a target goal for some of the numbers provided and if percent's of cases being completed were being monitored.

Rev. Grubbs asked about the changes DSS had implicated and the strategies that were being used.

Ellen Andrews asked if the numbers were sustainable and how DSS planned to keep them maintained.

Matthew Barrett asked about the CT Career Trainees.

Rep. Abercrombie asked how employees answering the phone help adults affected by the Medicaid cuts passed in the state budget. Mark Shok from DSS explained the 12 months of transitional medical assistance many would qualify for and notice that would be sent to them. For the smaller number of recipients who do not have earnings and would be losing coverage, a

process was being established to get additional information to find what else they are eligible for. He added that while the cuts are effective August 1st recipients would continue to receive their benefits through the month of August. Kate explained the role the Office of the Health Care Advocate was playing in the process.

Rev. Grubbs shared a few of her concerns.

Deb Polun asked for further clarification on the transitional medical assistance program and shared her concern about the time for individuals to enroll.

Ellen Andrews asked what information is being shared. Demian Fentanella also discussed the information that was being submitted to DSS and the process involved. Discussion followed on individual's information, eligibility and transition to Access Health CT.

Rep. Abercrombie asked if the Council would like to have an update for the September Meeting. She thanked DSS for the work they have been doing and asked them to keep up the work. Deb asked that someone from Access Health be present in September to provide updates on the eligibility transition.

II.B. Kate McEvoy began by recognizing the many efforts from so many different people in the State's Medicaid Program. She announced the 50th Anniversary of Medicaid and gave an overview of what and why the social service is and how it was formed and shaped through videos on the web which included testimonials.

Rep. Abercrombie congratulated DSS for all their work and discussed the services in Medicaid Connecticut is able to provide.

III. Rep. Abercrombie shared that there was a PCMH meeting two days ago and explained her role in SIM.

IV. Rep. Abercrombie announced that there would not be an August Meeting. She asked that the next meeting be held on September 18th.

For the next meeting it was decided to have presentations on the completion rates for Medicaid Applications, information on the transition of Husky recipients who no longer qualified for coverage and an update from Logisicare.

With no other business, Rep. Abercrombie thanked all the presenters and members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 18, 2015 at 9:30 AM

Richard Eighme
Council Clerk