

DRAFT MINUTES

Name of Meeting: Pharmacy Liaison Committee

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2014

Length of Meeting: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location of Meeting: DMAS 13th Floor Boardroom

Committee Members Present:

Tim Musselman, Virginia Pharmacist Association (VPhA)

Hunter Jamerson for Alexander McCauley, Community Pharmacy (EPIC)

Bill Hancock, Long Term Care Pharmacy Coalition

Anne Leigh Kerr, PhRMA

Rusty Maney, Virginia Association of Chain Drug Stores

DMAS Attendees:

Bryan Tomlinson, Division Director

Donna Proffitt, Pharmacy Manager

Rachel Cain, Pharmacist

Tyrone Wall, Compliance Specialist

Other Attendees:

Jill McCommick, National Association of Chain Drugs Stores

Jan Burrus, PhRMA

Alan Chazen, Epic Pharmacy

Kemper Hyers, Virginia Association of Chain Drug Stores

Joe Winalski, Biogen

John Beckner, Martin's Pharmacy and Virginia Association of Chain Drugs Stores

Mike Seto

Myers & Stauffer Staff:

Shelly Schmitz

Matt Hill

Allan Hanson

Introduction

Bryan Tomlinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

Cost of Dispensing Survey

Mrs. Proffitt informed the Committee that the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) contracted with Myers and Stauffer LC, Certified Public Accountants, to conduct a cost of pharmacy dispensing survey for Virginia Medicaid enrolled pharmacy providers. She presented draft correspondence and the cost of dispensing survey tool for the Committee's review. The Committee made several editorial suggestions and requested that additional questions related to sterile compounding and the percentage of uncollected co-pays be added to the survey. Alan Hansen, principal with Myers and Stauffer, agreed to incorporate the Committee's recommendations.

The Committee inquired as to how the survey will be distributed to retail pharmacies. Mr. Hanson, responded that survey packets would be mailed to providers. The packet will include correspondence from Virginia Medicaid introducing the survey and instructions on how to complete the survey. The survey packet will also include contact information for Myers and Stauffer in the event the provider has questions or needs assistance completing the survey. Mr. Hanson advised the Committee that a helpline and an email address will be provided for anyone needing assistance.

Mrs. Proffitt informed members that the survey packets should be mailed to pharmacy providers the last week in January 2014 with a deadline of March 28, 2014 for completion. One member asked if Virginia Medicaid would pay chain, independent and rural pharmacies different dispensing fees. Mr. Tomlinson directed the question to Mr. Hanson who stated that Myers and Stauffer will be evaluating the collected data and will present the data in a number of different ways to the State including chain vs. independent pharmacy, rural vs. urban pharmacy, high volume vs. low volume pharmacy, etc.

Another member expressed concerns regarding pharmacies providing financial data to Myers and Stauffer. Mr. Hanson informed the Committee that Myers and Stauffer maintains the confidentiality of all financial data and that only the staff working on this survey and DMAS would have access to this information.

Mr. Tomlinson advised the Committee that DMAS will be disseminating updates to the members as it receives more information. He thanked the Committee for its support.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2013

Mr. Tomlinson asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the draft meeting minutes from August 8, 2013. With no revisions or corrections, the Committee members approved the minutes as written.

Other Business

Ms. Proffitt informed the Committee that the provider enrollment requirement which was scheduled to be implemented on October 25, 2013 has been postponed until late March or early April, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM