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HIV Care Advisory Committee (HCAC) Meeting **Monday, January 9, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Fifth Floor Board Room, CDPHE, Denver**

Members Present: Jeff Basinger, Karl Beck, Barb Cardell, Jennifer Chase, Erin Dupuis, Michael Dorosh, Ernest Duff, Jessica Forsyth, Robert George, Ana Hopperstad, Terrence Hughes, Merilou Johnson, Celeste LeBlanc, Guy Lively, Mary Beth Luedtke, Martha Monroe, Jennifer Pappas, Arthur Powers, John Reid, Peter Ralin, Robin Valdez, Josh Whittington, Danielle Willis

Members Absent: Judy Bagley, Richard Blair, Lucio Torres-Florez, Maria Lopez, Diane Walker

Department Staff Present: Bob Bongiovanni, Todd Grove, Karen Reed-Gallegos, Theresa Martinez

Guests: Peter Bradley, Sandra Dunlap, Kim Eggert, Mike Gilbert, Jasjit Gill, Jim Graves, Sven Haug, Kristina Hermach, Jason Hindman, Chris Holtzer, Michelle McHenry-Edrington, Stewart Pappas, Ruth Pederson, Elizabeth Wooldridge

Introductions:

Jeff Basinger welcomed members, guests, and department staff and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

Approval of December 12, 2011 Minutes:

Meeting minutes were approved as written.

ADAP Utilization Summary: Chris Holtzer reported that there was an increase in clients served and prescriptions filled in December, and there is a trend showing net stabilization of utilization (clients and prescriptions filled) that shows slight increases and decreases, but remains stable overall. It is expected that due to additions to the formulary, prescriptions filled will increase. Total expenditures appear flat for the ADAP in the short-term, but two-year trends show a slight increase overall, as expected.

Summary of Medication and Insurance Expenditures and Projections: Bob Bongiovanni reported that revenue continues to come in as projected, and that an estimated \$2 million in funding that will be carried into the coming fiscal year. There is no danger of a waitlist, formulary change, or cost-saving strategies being needed this fiscal year (through March 2012) and the danger for next fiscal year is also very small. A continued increase in participants is expected, and funds are keeping up with the demand.

Committee Chair Report: Jeff Basinger wished the members of the HCAC a happy new year!

Committee Workgroups:

ADAP Advisory: *see attached ADAP report*

Medical Advisory (MAC): No Report

Pharmacy Workgroup: No Report

Discussion Items

A. Clarification of formularies between HIV Medication Assistance Program (HMAP), Health Insurance Assistance Program (HIAP), Getting US Covered (GUSC), Bridging the Gap - Colorado (BTG) and recent votes to restore medications to the formulary

The HCAC discussed the various components of the overall program called AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)*. The HCAC has decided to use the distinct terminology referring to the various components of the ADAP so as not to confuse persons receiving Ryan White care and treatment services.

**See handout on ADAP Umbrella at end of these minutes for clarification of how the different parts of the ADAP interact.*

B. Update on contraceptives/insulin/testosterone to be added to formulary

Bob Bongiovanni shared that there is no solid consensus yet in terms of specific contraceptives to add to the ADAP formulary. Although there is support for the inclusion of contraceptives in the formulary from the Medical Advisory Committee and ADAP Work Group, there are differing opinions on which contraceptives to include, and how certain ones may be added that are not currently available through Colorado ADAP's wholesaler. The pharmacy workgroup will be convened to focus on these concerns. The Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) will meet to discuss new hepatitis C drugs considered for addition to the formulary.

The Pharmacy Work Group will take up the task of how to best add the various formulations, dosages, and brands of insulin and testosterone.

C. HIV Care Advisory Committee approval of ADAP workgroup recommendations to eliminate differences between Level I and Level II HIAP Coverage

Jennifer Chase reported that the ADAP workgroup has voted to eliminate the differences between the Level I and Level II health insurance assistance program (HIAP) benefit coverage, and has brought this issue to the HCAC for a formal vote. After discussion, Merilou Johnson made a motion to "approve the elimination of differences between Level I and Level II insurance coverage" and was seconded by Barb Cardell. The vote was approved unanimously, and the motion passed

D. Language for Coalition Bylaws amendment to move to dual-chair model

Postponed to a future meeting

E. Medicaid Update

Bob Bongiovanni provided a brief Medicaid update. The new Medicaid benefit for adults without dependents is still likely to be made available in April, and likely to be capped at 10,000 at least initially. The latest change is that a lottery system will be used to award these 10,000 slots, rather than “first come, first served” as was originally proposed by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Finance. The likely effect of this change to a lottery system is to make it less likely for a person living with HIV or AIDS to obtain one of the 10,000 slots.

The new Medicaid “buy-in” benefit for working people with disabilities is still slated for a March 1, 2012 rollout, with no limit on enrollment. Tentative premium rates have been released, starting at \$0 for people between 0% and 133% of the federal poverty level, and rising to \$400 per month for people between 301% and 450% of federal poverty level.

F. Follow-up to December 5, 2011 Community Forum on data-collection and client confidentiality

Discussions are underway between the department and Barb Cardell (acting as volunteer coordinator) to select a time and date for the second community forum on data-collection and client confidentiality concerns. It is important to the department and members of the HCAC that the second forum is held after work hours so more people can attend and participate.

G. Location of 2012 Care Advisory Committee Meetings

This agenda item was postponed to a future meeting.

H. Other

Next meeting – February 13, 2012 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in Fifth Floor Boardroom

Colorado AIDS Drug Assistance Program Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 19, 10:00am-12:00am

Present: Ana Hopperstad, Celeste LeBlanc, Erin Dupuis, Jeff Basinger, Jennifer Chase, Jennifer Pappas, Judy Bagley, Kelly DeMuth, Kelly Klein, Kim Egbert, Martha Monroe, Merilou Johnson, Michael Dorosh, Michael Hollar, Peter Bradley, Sandra Dunlap, Chris Holtzer, Annie Walsh, Bob Bongiovanni, Todd Grove

- November ADAP minute approved. Motioned by Ana, seconded by Judy B after addition of Kelly D to attendance.

- CDPHE spend down summary: nearly \$3.5 million projected in unexpended federal funds at 3/31/12. Both GUC and HIAP level I prescriptions are able to file for rebates from pharmaceutical companies so all ADAP programs can file for rebates. *Further, the ADAP workgroup agreed to standardize the HIAP program in April 2012 so all clients would receive Level I benefits. This will allow all HIAP members to receive prescription benefits and will allow CDPHE to file for rebates for these prescriptions.*

- Three new projects will be implemented with the projected unexpended funds:

1. HIAP enrollment workers

2. Northern CO Collaborative Care Clinic

3. HMAP formulary expansion: Only HMAP has been expanded. Further discussion is necessary around other ADAP programs like BTGC and GUC due to cost of dispensing versus return on rebate.

Jail program reinstatement was also discussed. It was determined that no further action would be taken at this time due to restrictions in federal funding and previous experience with the funded jail program.

- Getting Us Covered Colorado (GUC) update: 9 clients were notified on the waitlist to enroll by 1/8/12 for a 2/1/12 start date.

- Medicaid expansion has been pushed back to 4/9/12. Federal funding is still uncertain for early state expansion. ADAP group continues to be involved in negotiations and planning.

- BTGC pharmacy network will expand to include King Soopers/City Market since Walgreens is no longer a participating pharmacy for Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

- Draft of ADAP 6 month recertification was distributed for review. This form would be used for recertification every 6 months. Clients would only fill out the initial application one time in their lifetime. Comments due to Todd by Feb 2012.

- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 10:00am-12:00pm, location TBD.**

Colorado AIDS Drug Assistance Program Workgroup Minutes
Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011, 10:00am-12:00am
CDPHE, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Room C1C

Attended by: Jennifer Chase, Arthur Powers, Celeste LeBlanc, Jeff Basinger, Kelly DeMuth, Kelly Klein, Kim Eggbert, Martha Monroe, Merilou Johnson, Mike Gilbert, Chris Holtzer, Annie Walsh, Bob Bongiovanni, Todd Grove, Diane Walker, Lea Manrea and John

- October ADAP minutes approved

- CDPHE spend down summary: ADAP can carry over federal \$, but not rebate \$. \$14 million in rebate revenue is expected from 4th quarter of 2010-June 2013. \$4.3 million has been received. 62% of rebate revenue is from Medicare/BTGC. Projected unexpended federal funds for 3/31/12 are over \$3 million (without Medicaid enrollment). Possible projects for unexpended funds are:
 - HIAP enrollment staff will be paid through a new grant with ADAP \$ through a contract with CHN beginning 4/1/12 which will free up other funding used to pay for HIAP enrollment staff at ASOs.

 - Temporary Medicaid enrollment staff for the 3/1/12 expansion at Medicaid eligibility enrollment sites like Denver Health.

 - Oral health discount programs or dental insurance.

 - Collaborative HIV specialty clinics to bring HIV care to underserved areas.

- Getting Us Covered Colorado (GUC) update: 9 full subsidy clients have not enrolled. Letters will be sent to these clients and the next 5 on the waitlist to notify them they may be eligible and to complete the application.

- Medicaid expansion update: All new Medicaid enrollees must enroll with a Regional Care Collaborative Organization (RCCO). Referrals are required for specialty care, including HIV specialty care. A primary care provider will be assigned to an enrollee. CDPHE and ADAP workgroup are working with Medicaid and the AWDC Advisory Committee to address needs of PLWH.

- Draft of ADAP application laboratory data requirements and 6 month recertification expected in January.

- Ramsell ADAP Report: A slow rise in dollars expended per month was attributed to a slow increase in the number of enrollees. The highest volume prescriptions dispensed are Truvada and Combivir.

- Medical Advisory Committee will meet before our next meeting to recommend restoration of drugs to the formulary. ADAP will hold a special meeting on December 7 to review the recommendations and evaluate the cost to make a formal recommendation to the Care Committee at the December meeting.

- **Next Meeting: Monday, December 19th, 10:00am-12:00pm, CDPHE, room C1C**

AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP)

HIV Medication Assistance Program (HMAP)

Group 38002

Formulary:
Expanded effective 1/1/12

HIV Insurance Assistance Program (HIAP)

Group 38003

Levels 1 & 2

Formulary:
"Nonexpanded"
formulary

Partial Subsidy GUC

Formulary:
GUC Formulary

Full Subsidy GUC

Group 38005

Formulary:
GUC Formulary

Bridging the Gap CO (BTGC)

Group 38001

Formulary:
Until catastrophic level it is
the Part D Plan formulary

In catastrophic level, it is the
"nonexpanded" formulary