



Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting

State Demonstration to Integrate Care for Full Benefit Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees

Call-In Meeting Minutes

[A simultaneous in-person meeting occurred in another room at the MS Society. The separate call-in meeting affords attendees a better opportunity to participate and ask questions by phone.]

DATE: Thursday, October 31, 2013

CHECK-IN TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. MT

MEETING TIME: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. MT

LOCATION: National Multiple Sclerosis Society
900 South Broadway
Denver, CO 80230
[Google Map](#)

CALL-IN: 1-877-820-7831, Code: 946029#

AGENDA TOPIC	RESPONSIBILITY/DURATION
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Eskedar Makonnen (10 minutes)
Demonstration Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Subcommittee • Beneficiary Rights and Protections Alliance • Project - A Look Back, A Look Forward (Open Comment Period, Questions/Answers)	Eskedar Makonnen (15 minutes) Matt Vedal (15 minutes) Eskedar Makonnen and Matt Vedal (30 minutes) All
Related Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) • Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) (Open Comment Period, Questions/Answers)	Leah Jardine (15 minutes) Sean Bryan (25 minutes) All
Appreciation and Closing Remarks	Matt Vedal /All (10 minutes)



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Attendees:

Jo Bell
Sean Bryan
Beth Davis
Liz Hickman
Leah Jardine
Laura Landwirth
Francesca Maes

Eskedar Makonnen
Linda Medina
Donna Mills
Matt Vedal
Janine Vincent
Kelley Vivian

[Some participant names were inaudible.]

Opening Remarks:

Eskedar Makonnen opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. She welcomed and thanked everyone for their participation. She asked call-in participants to introduce themselves. She also mentioned that the topics covered might not be presented in the order which they appeared on the original agenda since some participants would be presenting at the in-person meeting before joining the call-in meeting.

Advisory Subcommittee Update:

Eskedar provided an update on the Advisory Subcommittee's activities since July. She first mentioned the nomination of Stephanie Williamson to the Subcommittee as a Single Entry Point (SEP) agency representative from the Colorado Springs area.

She discussed the written protocols between community partners and the Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) which had been submitted to the Department as well as updates about enrollment materials and supplemental funding opportunities.

She highlighted upcoming Subcommittee activities, readiness assessment efforts, and the upcoming Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) draft from CMS. She mentioned the next Advisory Subcommittee meeting would cover what the Department had learned from other Demonstration states.

Laura Landwirth asked how she could get a copy of the Skilled Nursing Facility written protocol and mentioned people in her organization would like to review it.

Beneficiary Rights and Protections Update:

Matt Vedal provided an update on Beneficiary Rights and Protections. He mentioned Bailit Health Purchasing's involvement in providing recommendations based on



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research, individual and group interviews, and Subcommittee meeting attendance. He highlighted the workgroup formed to address Beneficiary Rights and Protections and the Alliance created to ensure and monitor Beneficiary Rights and Protections in the Demonstration. Matt also mentioned CMS's supplemental Ombudsman funding opportunity for the Demonstration.

Project Update:

Eskedar began by summarizing Demonstration-related activities since 2011. She talked about the Department's receipt of Medicare data, submission of the Demonstration's proposal to CMS in 2012, and subsequent CMS questions and Department responses. She also commented on the process involved in determining the financing and shared savings methodology.

Matt continued the update by discussing Demonstration updates in 2013 and discussing what lies ahead. He discussed the Implementation Funding Request sent to CMS in May, Advisory Subcommittee recommendations, and implementation in 2014.

He discussed the readiness assessment and its three components: Department "desk" review, systems review, and RCCO site reviews. He also talked about ongoing activities in the Department that support the Demonstration.

Matt asked if Donna Mills, Executive Director for RCCO Region 4, had any Demonstration-related comments or updates. Donna thanked Eskedar and Matt for their work on the project. She discussed work on the written protocols and the importance of getting ready for the upcoming readiness assessment.

Strategic Direction of the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC):

Leah Jardine provided an update on the strategic direction of the ACC. Her update included discussion about the super-utilizers stakeholder group, HB 1281, the Behavioral Health Request for Proposal, and provider recruitment. She also discussed the ACC's 5-Point Plan [see additional details in the accompanying presentation and summary on the web page].

Francesca Maes asked if the slides Leah referred to had been emailed. Eskedar said the slides had been posted on the Demonstration's stakeholder web page on the Department's website. Francesca asked where they could be found, and Eskedar provided directions.



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[The meeting paused until Sean Bryan joined to provide the LTSS update.]

Long-Term Services and Supports Update:

Eskedar introduced Sean Bryan. Sean began with an overview of LTSS within the Department. He provided updates on Community First Choice, the Nursing Facility Culture Change Accountability Board, the Participant-Directed Process Policy Directive, and the Office of Community Living [see additional details in the accompanying presentation on the web page].

Sean asked if anyone had any questions.

Laura Landwirth asked a question about the Community Living Advisory Group and if it had provided input to the written protocols between the RCCOs and LTSS providers. Sean responded that the groups had identified issues and gaps that needed to be bridged to improve coordination.

Sean thanked everyone for listening and encouraged further questions be forwarded to Teri Bolinger or him.

Closing Remarks:

Matt thanked Leah and Sean for their presentations at both the in-person and the call-in meetings. He thanked all participants, mentioned slides had been posted on the Department's website, and encouraged questions be forwarded to Teri, Eskedar, or him.

He mentioned the next Advisory Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, November 12th, and the next Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting toward the end of January although no date had yet been set.

[The meeting ended at 2:31 p.m.]