

Medical Care Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/9/02 **Time:** 1:30-4:30p.m. **Location:** 1st floor Conference Room **Moderator:** Gene Wiggers, MCAC Chairperson
3380 Americana Terrace, Boise

- Goals:**
1. Address business requirements regarding membership
 2. Begin discussion of the role of Medicaid in Idaho's healthcare system –short term and long term objectives
 3. Provide status reports on current initiatives and discuss system specific concerns

Committee Members Present: Gene Wiggers (Chairperson, AARP), Mitzi Smith, (St.Lukes Hospice), Elizabeth Henry for Julia Davis (Nez Perce Nation), Dr. Rod Emory (Idaho Dental Assoc.), Bill Foxcroft (Idaho Primary Care Assoc.), Bonnie Haines (Idaho Hospital Assoc.), Cathy Hart and Deedra Kucera (Idaho Office on Aging), Mark Leeper (Provider), Judith Bailey for Bob Seehusen (Idaho Medical Assoc.), JoAn Condie, (Idaho State Pharmacy Assoc.), Gene Wiggers (AARP), **DHW Staff:** Dr. Tom Young (Medical Director), Leslie Clement and Marcie Grenda, (Bureau of Benefits & Reimbursement Policy). Guests: Absent Members: Senator Grant Ipsen, Idaho State Senate (Called), Robert VandeMerwe, (Idaho Health Care Assoc.), Larry Irondo (Individual), Debra Johnson (Idaho Parents Unlimited), Don Pena (Idaho Hispanic Commission), Dick Schultz (Administrator IDHW Division of Health), Amber Wagner (Salvation Army). Guests: Willard Abbott, (IDHW Deputy Attorney General) Dr. Tom Young (Medical Director), Lisa Penny (Division of Health).

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Introductions	1:30 (5 minutes)	Gene Wiggers	➤ Minutes from the July 17, 2002 minutes of the Medical Care Advisory Committee were approved as written.
Business Requirements ➤ Amend Bylaws to reflect proposed membership changes ➤ Review nominations	1:35 (45 minutes)	Leslie Clement and Gene Wiggers	➤ Discussion was held and the Amendments to the Medical Care Advisory Committee bylaws were approved as presented. This final amended version will be submitted to Director Kurtz for his approval and signature. A signed copy of these bylaws will be in the packet for the next meeting. The membership chart with vacancies and nominations that have been received was presented to the committee for their review. It was decided that they needed more information about the nominees to ensure that there would be balanced representation on the committee. Marcie will contact those persons making the nominations and put together a short bio on each nominee for review by the committee. This list will be sent out with a return deadline for tally and submission to Director Kurtz.
Medicaid Division Status Report ➤ Status of Rules and State Plan Amendments	2:20 (15 minutes)	Leslie Clement	➤ An updated Rule Status Report was handed out and reviewed with committee by Leslie Clement..

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<p>Dental Health Services in Idaho</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Division of Health’s planning objectives ➤ Medicaid’s dental policy update 	2:35 (45 minutes)	Lisa Penney Dr. Thomas Young	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lisa Penny, Oral Health Program Manager with the IDHW Division of Health gave a presentation on Idaho Oral Health Plan 2002-2005;, the result of joint planning and problem solving initiated at the November 2001 Idaho Oral Health Summit. Subsequent planning sessions in February and May 2002 have resulted in identifying priority goals and defining strategies. Lisa furnished handouts and discussed the six main goals, objectives and expected outcomes of the Idaho Oral Health Plan , which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1. Strengthen the dental public health infrastructure. ➤ 2. Explore expansion of scope of practice for dental hygienists and certified dental assistants. ➤ 3. Educate legislators to establish oral health as a funded statewide priority. ➤ 4. Integrate oral health into primary medical care, e.g., prenatal care, well-baby care. ➤ 5. Expand availability of dental services provided through community health enter clinics. ➤ 6. Fluoridate community water systems.
<p>Health Insurance Access Card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CHIP children afforded an opportunity to enroll in commercial insurance plans 	3:20 (15 minutes)	Leslie Clement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Leslie handed out a “Summary of the Idaho State Planning Grant’s Recommendations to Expand Coverage to the Uninsured”. She included a short history of the Idaho State Planning Grant, its purpose and the current proposal. The current proposal consists of the small business model which was set aside to focus on the development of an “Access Card”. The “Access Card” builds on the concept of a voucher system that was first introduced by the 1998 CHIP Task Force. The card would be loaded with a subsidy that would help to purchase insurance. <p>The key reason for pursuing this approach is that the “Access Card” builds on the private insurance market rather than continuing to increase the number of individuals on Medicaid.</p> <p>Follow up conversations with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) have been initiated to discuss the mechanics of this proposal. Stay tuned for more information as this project progresses. Bill Foxcroft voiced his initial opposition to the Access Card as currently designed. He may initiate an advisory letter from the MCAC stating his concerns.</p>
<p>Role of Medicaid in Idaho’s healthcare system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Making Medicaid Better...” 	3:35 (20 minutes)	Bill Foxcroft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Due to time limitations, this topic was tabled. Bill indicated that he just wanted members to read the materials for their own information and further discussion was not needed.

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Status Report of HIPAA Readiness	3:55 (20 minutes)	Randy May Patti Campbell	Patti Campbell supplied the committee with information on HIPAA Readiness. Providers that will be filing claims electronically, but who are not ready (HIPPA compliant) by October 16 th must contact CMS for a one year extension @ cms.gov. Patti stressed the importance of communication; she can be contacted @ (208) 334-4951.
Committee Member Updates	4:15 (15 minutes)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rod Emory DDS, MCAC representative for the Idaho Dental Association, gave a presentation on the critical dental situation in Idaho. He had handouts reflecting the reimbursement rates vs. the actual cost of service for dental providers, fact sheets and pictures of patients that he actually had in his office. He addressed issues such as the reimbursement rate, accessibility, the shortage of Medicaid dental providers coupled with the fact that Idaho rates poorly in the preventative area. (See Lisa Penny's goals and objectives from Idaho Oral Health Summit.) ➤ Chairman Wiggers, representing AARP, updated the committee on the Senior-Pharmacy issue. AARP will be holding informative meetings around the State through out the month of October. For more information on this and other endeavors; contact the AARP @ 1-800 – 922-8716 or visit the local office on Franklin Road, (208) 344-5700. ➤ Bill Foxcroft told committee of the efforts Community Health Centers to expand access to pharmaceuticals to clients in the more remote areas of the State. They are studying information from other states that offer this service.
Meeting Adjourn	4:30 p.m.		See 2003 meeting schedule for the Medical Care Advisory Committee.

Next Meeting Wednesday, January 15th, 2003 1:30-4:30 p.m.

2003 meeting schedule for the MCAC

January 15, 2003 (Wednesday)

April 15, 2003 (Tuesday)

July 16, 2003 (Wednesday)

October 15, 2003 (Wednesday)

All meetings will be held @ 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise and are scheduled from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM