

LM Advisory Board Minutes

Time/Date: 9:30a-12p, Friday Dec 15, 2017

Location: First Floor Large Conference Room, NW Valley Public Health Office
7704 2nd St. NW, ABQ; 505-897-5700

Attendance:

Board Members: Louise Self, Felina Ortiz, Karen Marie Brown, Carolina Nkouaga, Sarah Gopman, Katie Avery, Katrina Nardini

DOH: Katrina Nardini, Katie Avery, Jessi Sanchez (Scribe)

By Phone: Elena Campili Stauss

Guests: Kelly Camden, Esperanza Dodge, Jessica Gutfreund

Absent: Jaymi McKay, Sarah McKinney

Old business:

-Minutes Approval (Katrina) Unanimously Approved

-Board member update (Katrina)

- June 2018 Jaymi McKay's term will be up but Jaymi will be stepping down early due to new employment demands
- Jessica Gutfreund expressed interest in applying for Jaymi McKay's position
- Board will also put out a request for other applicants – Katrina will email application to Jessica and NMMA leadership
- Board will be needing 2 (possibly 3) more consumer members during 2018; Carolina will be eligible for a second 3-year term

-MCO reimbursement issues/newborn screening kits (Katie/Louise)

- Some states pay upfront and some do not - it seems to vary completely from state to state
- There is no platform with CMS at this time
- This topic will be discussed further later today at NMMA Meeting to see what can be done and DOH will report back at the next meeting

- Medicaid Claims Reimbursement Training Update (Katie/Jessi)

- There will be a 3 hour training at the NMMA Conference led by Abigail Eaves, who has experience billing successfully for OOH services.
 - Abigail emailed Elena to ask LMs for priorities for training
- NMMA is doing a study on midwives billing claims and payment of those to find the reasons why midwives are getting paid versus not getting paid. If they can prove it is a policy issue then they can take it to the department level and even to legislature to create policy that could bring about change.
- The LM Board and the other LMs present agreed it got worse when the Centennial care came about.

- It is a common feeling that the MCOs are denying claims to try and drag out the process so as not to have to pay for services at all.
- There is high turn-over and lack of training at the MCOs
- Katie Avery will see if Tonya at HSD is willing to be a contact person for LMs with billing issues. Her job is provider enrollment but she may be willing to facilitate and connect LMs to the correct person.
- Katie will see if LMs can speak to MCOs when they meet this year to approve Centennial Care.
- Florida LMs brought a very successful lawsuit against the state of Florida and won
 - Jessica Gutfreund will be speaking with one of those lawyers about strategies used in that case and how those could help the NM LMs.
 - Might need to consider a legal recourse to motivate the state to pay out

-“Procuring Medication” update (Katie)

- No updates now
- Katie will try to get meeting with BOP lawyer in spring of 2018
- Change would occur in BOP Rule, but likely would need to open LM Rule as well

- Student Handbook update (Katie/Jaymi)

- Carolina Nkouaga and Louise Self have begun work on matching Student Handbook language to NARM language and aligning forms.
- If LM Rule is open, it will be worthwhile to change to be congruent with NARM

-Guidelines and required reporting of events (Katrina)

- Katrina sent out the Guidelines to list serve to be reviewed
- She also added language around reportable events and is looking for feedback on this final draft of the guidelines

New business:

-NARM’s CPM Process Changes

- There is some confusion around this for the DOH Midwifery Program, so the requirements were reviewed during the Board meeting.
- NARM did not change to a two-step process for CPM Certification - it has always been two separate pieces: an exam is required for NM Licensure and a CPM certification is optional if desired (an LM doesn’t have to be a CPM)

Closed mtg:

-Case review

Next Meeting: Friday 3/16/17, 9:30am-12noon at DOH Colgate Building Large Conference Room in Santa Fe