

LM Advisory Board Minutes

Time/Date: 9:30a-12p, Friday March 16, 2018

Location: First Floor large conference room, Colgate Building
2040 S. Pacheco, Santa Fe; 505-476-8999 (for building entry)
To call in: 641-715-3200, Passcode: 916237#

Present: Katrina Nardini, Elena Stauss, Sarah Gopman, Jessica Frechette-Gutfreund, Karen Brown, Katie Avery, Carolina Nkouaga (arrived late), Jessi Sanchez (scribe)

Guest: Tonya Pamatian HSD MAD Deputy Director, Josephine Quintana HSD Birthing Options Program (BOP) Coordinator, Margaret Cunningham Hep B Program

Phone: Louise Self

Absent: Felina Ortiz, Sarah McKinney

Minutes Approval (Katrina) – Unanimously Approved

Board member update (Katrina)

- Need to be thinking about new consumer members
- Jessica is not officially vetted for today's meeting but will be vetted by June meeting and her time will start at that point

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

- Tonya (HSD) says the MCOs get the updated Birthing Options list every month. MCOs tend to not understand what it is and who needs to get the information, possibly because of turnover. Josephine (Jo Jo) at HSD will be the primary point of contact for BOP list. If MCO says you are not on the list or any problem such as this, contact Jo Jo, she will work with project managers.
- Lorraine Hyde (HSD Contracts Bureau), supervisor to Erica Archuleta (Contracts Bureau), are program managers and are the go-to people for issues with reimbursement on claims made with MCOs. So, if MCO recognizes you as a birthing options provider but claims are not getting paid then contact Lorraine Hyde.
- LMs are out-of-network providers
- HSD creates PowerPoints to train new MCOs when a new contract comes up. It is agreed that a rep for NM Midwives needs to be part of this process and make sure that MCOs (old and new Centennial Care contracts) are aware of Midwives and the BOP.

Medicaid Claims Reimbursement Training Update (Katie/Jessi)

- Abigail did presentation of Medicaid Billing at NMMA annual mini conference in Feb 2018.
- Plan is to have Medicaid Billing Training Powerpoint posted to YouTube and DOH Midwifery webpage for easy access.

Procuring Medication update (Katie)

- Department of Health and Board of Pharmacy lawyers have not met yet.
- This will most likely be introduced in next legislative session if other means of changing RX procurement cannot be done in rule revisions.

- Board of Pharmacy rules would be focus of the changes.

Student Handbook update (Katie/Louise)

- No update.
- Looking to revisit in late 2018 and setup a work group.
- Katrina will work with Louise in setting this up.

Guidelines update (Katrina)

- A couple of very minor changes have been made and draft has been sent to Janis Gonzales and Ann Washburn for review.
- There are still a couple of changes and additions to be made, but this should not slow down the process of approval
 - Formulary changes including Hep B HBIG and Hep B vaccine for infants
 - Formulary changes to add Tdap and flu vaccines
 - Arrangements in place by 34wks for Hep B + mom's infant f/u plans (options for obtaining HBIG and vaccine)
 - Will also add to prenatal care section info on recommending Tdap and flu vaccine at appropriate seasons/gestational age
- Jessica proposes that once guidelines are approved then a training be created around it and that training should include CEUs.
- It is recommended to start now on Rule changes (for the RX issue) as it takes a very long time to get documents etc. prepared to present to legislative body.
- It is proposed to find a consumer member that is a lawyer.

New business:

Hep B (Margaret Cunningham - DOH)

- Margaret Cunningham is the new Perinatal Hep B Prevention Coordinator
- Babies are very vulnerable and are much more likely to have Hep B for their entire life if contracted; they have less symptoms and tend to go through life not knowing they are infected and in turn could be infecting others unknowingly.
- NM requires Hep B testing for babies and to date there are very few known cases in NM.
- Midwives report having almost a 100% test rate for their clients and do not report any problems with reimbursement for this test.
- Midwives report that when a positive Hep B test is received for a patient the patient is instructed to consult a primary care provider and to be followed by them for the Hep B.
- It is important that a midwife be prepared to administer the postpartum preventative meds to infant within 12 hours of birth.
 - May need to add HBIG to formulary that LMs can administer at home if needed along with Hep B vaccine.
 - Suggested that DOH might be able to facilitate obtaining HBIG.
- Note breastfeeding is okay with Hep B+ moms
- Jessica Frechette-Gutfreund recommends that Margaret coordinate speaking with the LMs in the southern part of NM to set up a talk with them to let them know about Hep B regulations and access options in southern NM.

Hearing Screen (Robert Morrison, Newborn Hearing Screening)

- Out of 290 home births, 165 births were screened in 2016 (similar in 2015) and the same is expected for 2017
 - Would like more reporting from midwives: if no hearing screen performed, still need to fill out form.
 - Encouraging the word about filling out the form.
- Dar A Luz Birth Center in Albuquerque is available for screenings on Friday afternoons; must call to schedule first.
- It would be ideal to setup a screening station in northern NM, possibly at Las Cumbres in Espanola, which is where most Newborn Hearing Screening is being done now.
 - Early Intervention agency is great and staff go to the home to screen.
- Need to add “School of the Deaf” to referral list.
- Hearing Screening Midwife Reporting Form has a few minor changes and it is important to note those and answer all questions on the form
 - Includes if mom wants contact from Newborn Hearing Screen (yes or no) and if not checked they will call
 - Also includes date of hearing screen if known.

Legislative/Legal Updates

- Don Leathers (ex-superintendent of insurance in NM), has proposed adding CNMs and LMs to the Medical Malpractice Act.
- Request to add LMs to Birthing Workforce Retention Fund – it would need to be changed in a bill introduced in the 2019 session.
- Note that Rural Tax Credit tax code states “registered lay midwife”.

Next meeting: June 29, 2018 in Albuquerque