



Montana DPHHS Steering Committee for Provider Rate Studies Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022
10:00 AM (MST) – 12:00 PM (MST)

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Agenda

1. Welcome

- Jackie Jandt with DPHHS welcomed attendees
- Coy Jones with Guidehouse presented the agenda, introduced participating members, and began facilitating

2. Rate Study Overview

Guidehouse presented on Rate Study Overview. Attendees had no questions or comments on the agenda as presented .

3. Operating Guidelines and Goals

Guidehouse presented Operating Guidelines and Goals.

- Attendee: Question relating to the workgroup composition. You say it's mainly the fiscal staff of providers. I guess you can look at what services cost that you currently provide and if the rate fits that, but do you also look at what would you actually want to provide to have the member have full stakeholder integration? When times are tough, you can't provide everything you want to or should, so how do you bridge that gap?
 - GH: I do think providers really represent that pretty well. Most of them are fierce advocates for the communities they serve because they want adequate

resources to provide a quality service, not just what they've provided historically. We have gotten a lot of questions on this, and this process will help to answer these questions. We are hearing these concerns voiced in the workgroups. We also count on this Steering Committee. , If you don't feel that concerns are being adequately addressed or, if there are other perspectives that need to come into play, those are key issues we want to address during the meetings.

- Attendee: Can you provide detail on who the identified stakeholder communities are beyond the providers?
 - GH: Earlier in the slides we noted recipients of the services as well as caregivers, advocacy groups, state stakeholders including legislators and members of the executive branch. These are the key stakeholder groups. This is laid out on an earlier slide.

4. Rate Study Scope and Approach

Guidehouse presented on Rate Study Scope and Approach. Attendees had no questions or comments on the agenda topic.

5. Cost and Wage Survey

Guidehouse presented on the Cost and Wage Survey.

- Attendee: Question about whether we are participating in the 2019 Fiscal Year (FY).
 - GH: We are asking about your FY 2019 as a provider. You don't need to line it up with State FY. But last quarter costs are more specific to October through December of 2021 because that's going to give us our most recent cost picture.
- Attendee: How many total providers are being asked to complete the survey?
 - GH: We have released the survey to all groups. We should have this information by the next Steering Committee call.
- Attendee: How have providers been notified by the State and encouraged to participate?
 - Each of the DPHHS Divisions were asked to identify specific providers types in this cost and wage survey and an initial announcement went out. The nursing facilities are being addressed in a separate task order. We set up a provider rate study website and sent out three email blasts from those sign-up lists.
- Attendee: Have those who do not participate in Medicaid been informed?
 - Yes, we asked for a list of these providers and can only identify those from the payment system whether Medicaid or not.

6. Stakeholder Questions and Comments to Date

Guidehouse present on Stakeholder Questions and Comments to Date.

- Attendee: Will we have metrics in deliverables that we will regularly revisit and track?
 - GH: We will be tracking provider responses, progress against work plan, and in term of particular metrics, a lot of what we are working toward is a final

deliverable. What we will provide through these calls are our analyses that will go into the rate model. We are sending status reports to the State on certain deliverables. We are going to try to identify metrics that will be helpful for the State to continue monitoring.

- Attendee: Are there final reports from other states that are public and shareable?
 - GH: Jackie, we will work with you to make sure reports from Wyoming and Illinois are available to share.
- Attendee: Will you be sharing information prior to the next Steering Committee so we can arrive prepared?
 - GH: Yes, that is our goal.
- Attendee: If we have questions from the deck today, do we use the MT-DPHHS email?
 - GH: Yes.

7. Public Comment

There were no questions or comments from public attendees i.e., non-workgroup or steering committee members.

8. Adjournment @ 12:00 PM (MST)

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