

Minutes: Health Services Advisory Council

Date: September 13th, 2023, 5:30 - 7:30PM

Link to meeting: <https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=mf0851f25dbeb40e2f82e2438aae8141d>

Note: All committee members and staff attended remotely

Attendance

Council Members:

- Amy Burt
- Dan Stein
- Howard Fink
- Michael Thorn
- Rakesh John
- Rick Printon
- Nathan Chomilo
- Claudia Thomas
- Tenbit Emiru
- Scott Hegstad
- Saudade Sammuelsan
- Samba Fall
- Sagar Dugani
- Bimaje Akpa

DHS Staff:

- Caralyn Schnick
- Diogo Reis
- Laurie Engeldinger
- Megan Warfield-Kimball
- Rebecca Engberg
- Sarah Orange
- Cheryl Newgren

Guests:

- Bonnie Bolash
- Mark Foresman
- Chuck Sawyer
- Michele Maiers
- Cody Holliday
- Dave Elton
- Jodi Dorpinghaus

Welcome

- Quorum established
- Chair welcomed members
- Member, guest, and staff introductions

Housekeeping:

- Voting to approve September Minutes
 - A voice vote approved the minutes.
- Diogo Reis provided a summary of the gender affirming care topic and provided an update on policy updates due to HSAC recommendations.
- Diogo Reis reviewed the meeting format, process, and outcome expectations due to legislative authority.

Chiropractic Expansion

Rebecca Engberg – Presented on current chiropractic MHCP coverage policy, definitions of related chiropractic services and medical terms, the State of Minnesota definition, Minnesota Statute and MN Rule for chiropractic services, code of Federal regulations, and the questions being presented to the council.

Michele Maiers - Dr. Maiers is the Executive Director of Research and Innovation and a professor with Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minnesota. Northwestern Health and Sciences University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is the leading University in the Midwest for Integrative Medical Degrees. Dr. Maiers has over 30 peer reviewed publications, and is President, and Board Member of the American Chiropractic Association.

Dave Elton, DC – Dr. Elton has over 25 years of experience working within the intersection of Chiropractic and insurance care, with over 18 of those years as Senior Vice President in Clinical Programs for Optum, then moving to VP of Musculoskeletal Research and Development of Optum.

Conclusion + Adjournment

- Cara Schnick encouraged members to reach out with requests for any additional information to be provided to the council prior to the next meeting where discussion and recommendations are planned.
- A voice vote confirmed adjournment at 7:30 PM
- Next live meeting will be Wednesday October 11th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.