



The Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC) Meeting

June 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Attendance and Minutes

Commission Members Present: Theodore W. Becker (Mayor of Lewes), Cabinet Secretary Rick Geisenberger (DOF), Dr. Roger Harrison (Nemours), Richard Heffron, Melissa Jones, Dr. Jan Lee (DHIN), Cabinet Secretary Molly Magarik (DHSS), Dr. Richard Margolis (DSCYF), Nick Moriello (Highmark), and Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro (DOI)

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Nancy Fan (Chair)

Commission Members Absent: none

Health Care Commission Staff: Elisabeth Massa (Executive Director), Ayanna Harrison (Public Health Administrator I), Eschalla Clarke (Social Services Senior Administrator), and Latoya Wright (Manager Statistics and Research)

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Fan called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. via WebEx video and phone conference. It was determined a quorum was present. Dr. Fan asked public attendees to virtually sign-in by placing their name and affiliation in the chat box or by sending their name and contact information to the DHCC Resource Account (dhcc@delaware.gov).

BOARD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEM: Approve May 6, 2021 meeting minutes

Dr. Fan asked the commissioners to review the draft May 6, 2021 meeting minutes. There were no comments or changes. Nick Moriello made a motioned to approve. Ted Becker seconded. The motion to approve was unanimously accepted by all commissioners present. The approved minutes are available on the [DHCC website](#).

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

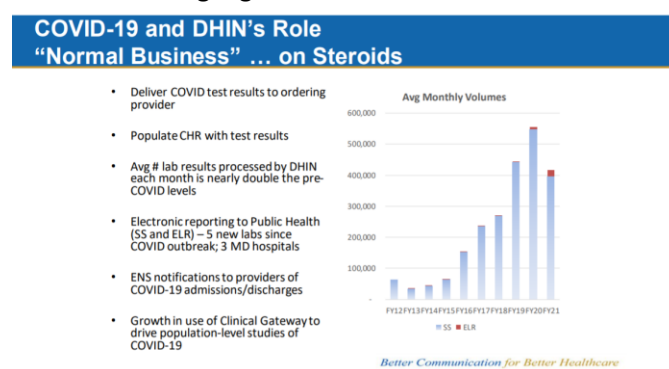
CostAware

Secretary Magarik provided a short overview about a new DHSS/DHCC initiative, CostAware, an initiative that stems from the visionary work of the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) and the Health Care Claims Database (HCCD). The initiative will develop and implement cost and quality analyses by leveraging Delaware claims data. A consumer-friendly website will also be created that shows price variation and gives consumers and policy makers a sense of what we are paying for in Delaware. Results will help support policy initiatives. The Secretary shared additional information will be shared about the initiative as well as further engagement with the commissioners, stakeholders, and other partners as CostAware is rolled-out. The initiative will provide actionable information and provide greater transparency. The Secretary thanked the DHIN team for their leadership and efforts around this project. Dr. Fan asked if the website was forward-facing for patients and consumers. The Secretary shared the initiative will be developed in stages with multiple iterations initially for policy makers and then consumers. The Secretary's presentation is available on the [DHCC website](#).

DHIN

The month of June on the [DHCC Seasonal Calendar](#) includes a DHIN update. DHCC commissioner and DHIN Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jan Lee, presented an update that included the following: COVID 19 and DHIN's role, FY 21 work and accomplishments, relevant DHIN legislation and regulation, DHIN's new five-year plan, and work planned for FY 22.

Presentation Highlights:



DHIN's FY 21 Work:

- PHR enhancements
- National connections
- Stakeholder requested work
- Technology upgrades
- DHIN internal projects
- New content and functionality
- Health Care Claims Database

Dr. Lee spoke about new federal funding opportunities for the HCCD and the “Information Blocking Rule” released by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) as required by the 21st Century Cures Act. She also highlighted several pieces of state legislation that are relevant to DHIN: SB 87 (DHIN and Anatomical Gifts), SB 88 (DHIN and Protection and Use of Information), SB 118 (DHIN and Long Term Care Facilities), SB 119 (HCCD and Dental Insurers), SB 121 (DHIN and Department of Corrections), and SB 128 (non-substantive technical corrections to DHIN’s enabling statutes).

Next, Dr. Lee shared information about DHIN’s new 5-year plan facilitated by Maestro Strategies.

Major Themes of Five-Year Plan

- **Maintain our relevance in a value-based payment market**
 - New sources and types of data
 - High quality data (complete, standardized)
 - Access to analytics
 - **Strengthen our ties to the State**
 - Explore new relationships (DEMA, DSAMH, others)
 - Re-energize the “public” in our statutory status as a “public-private partnership”
 - **Ensure business sustainability and value-based pricing of our services**
 - **Maintain and leverage our current strengths and advantages**
 - Neutral, trusted not-for-profit
 - Face-to-face relationships – our stakeholders and customers are also our neighbors and fellow citizens
 - Large and comprehensive repository of well-curated clinical and claims data
- Better Communication for Better Healthcare* 20

Her presentation concluded with a look forward at DHIN’s work planned for Fiscal Year 2022.

Work Planned for FY22

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| • Finish onboarding DSAMH | • Ongoing PHR enhancements |
| • Update the DHIN regulations and data sender contracts | • Single sign-on solution for Epic users |
| • Pursue additional out-of-state data exchange | • Parse CCDs and display labs and meds with related data |
| • First steps in incorporating and using SDOH data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pilot with Nemours and Colonial school district; incorporate school absenteeism into Event Notification Service – Census tract mapping to allow for more granular geo-mapping | • Parse claims and incorporate certain data elements into the CHR and PHR |
| • Work w/ State to apply for APCD grant | • Ongoing internal modernization (software upgrades, automation, optimization) |
| • Consent management tool, v2 | • Ongoing work with the State in support of COVID response |
| | • Lots of HCCD work! |
- Better Communication for Better Healthcare* 21

Dr. Lee’s full presentation is available on the [DHCC website](#).

Vaccination Initiatives

Dr. Fan shared it was timely to have an update on the vaccination efforts and initiatives underway in Delaware as the state works towards President Biden’s goal – at least 70% of the adults have their first shot by July 4th. She asked Dr. Karyl Rattay, the Director of the Division of Public Health, to speak about the State’s efforts. Dr. Rattay started by sharing that Delaware’s recent COVID data is looking great. Hospitalizations, case rates and positivity are significantly lower. In terms of vaccination numbers, 92% of seniors have received 1-dose and 66% of Delawareans have received 1-dose. The State received the vaccine on December 15, 2020 and at that time, focused vaccination efforts on long-term care residents and staff as well as health care staff. By mid- January, the State opened the vaccine to more of the

population, however the scarcity of the vaccine became a challenge. As the supply increased in the spring, the State was able to distribute the vaccine more widely. The State developed a vaccine provider network that has greatly helped getting the vaccine into arms. Dr. Rattay thanked all the vaccine providers for their willingness to step up and help. She shared data about vaccine equity. It has taken a lot of intentional efforts to reach minority populations. FQHCs are doing a great job reaching minority populations as well as major pharmacies. Dr. Rattay shared information about DE Wins, the State's vaccine incentive program.

Next, Dr. Fan highlighted the work health systems are doing across the state to reach their patient population. Information was shared about Saint Francis Healthcare (clinics and the St. Clare van), Bayhealth (mass vaccine events and targeting smaller community groups), Beebe Healthcare (book mobile partnership), and Nemours Children's Health System (community vaccination clinics and partner with community-based organizations).

Dr. Rattay's presentation and slides from the health systems are available on the [DHCC website](#).

UPDATES

Primary Care Reform Collaborative

Dr. Fan announced she needed to leave the meeting due to a conflict. Secretary Magarik took over responsibilities as meeting chair.

Elisabeth Massa (DHCC) shared the Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery (OVBHCD) released a report on May 11, the "Delaware Primary Care Reimbursement: Evaluating Parity with Medicare Rates." The report is available on the [Department of Insurance's website](#). As part of OVBHCD's enabling legislation, Senate Bill 116 of the 150th General Assembly tasked OVBHCD with evaluating health insurance carrier compliance with SB 227. Leslie Ledogar (Department of Insurance) shared they are extremely encouraged by the results of the study and that all the carriers by and large have stepped up to the plate and have provided to the statutory requirement to reimburse primary care providers at or above the Medicare rate.

Health Workforce Subcommittee

Nick Moriello, DHCC commissioner and co-chair for the Health Workforce Subcommittee, provided an update on the Health Workforce Subcommittee activities. The Subcommittee met on May 19 and discussed a workforce recommendation from the Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association. As a social determinant of health, the health care system and access to it are critical components to a person's well-being and trackable. What resources and data would be needed to help guide future policy making decisions? Where could we create a living breathing source around workforce and all aspects of workforce. The Subcommittee made a motion during their May meeting to recommend that the DHCC embark on consideration and approval of the proposed scope of work as presented by the Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association, contingent on the Subcommittee co-chairs providing updates to the Commissioners. Secretary Magarik thanked Mr. Moriello and Secretary Geisenberger for their hard work with this initiative. Dr. Lee asked Mr. Moriello to clarify if he was looking for a vote to approve the recommendation and budget. Secretary

Geisenberger shared this initiative could be supported through the American Rescue Plan Act or other sources. He also shared the Subcommittee is looking for an endorsement from the Health Care Commission. Rich Heffron made a motion to approve and Ted Becker second. Secretary Magarik asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, she asked all in favor to say “aye” and all opposed “no.” Hearing all aye and no no’s, the motion passed. The recommendation is available on the [DHCC website](#).

ADJOURN

Secretary Magarik asked if there was any public comment. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned. The next DHCC meeting will be held on July 1, 2021 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Public Meeting Attendees June 3, 2021

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| Lori Ann Rhoads | Medical Society of Delaware |
| Leslie Ledogar | Department of Insurance |
| Pamela Gardner | Delaware Health Sciences Alliance |
| Anthony Onugu | United Medical ACO |
| Brian Olson | La Red Health Center |
| Pat Redmond | Nemours |
| Lizzie Lewis | Hamilton Goodman Partners |
| Jill Fredel | Delaware Health and Social Services |
| Steven Costantino | Delaware Health and Social Services |
| Jules Villecco | Delaware Health and Social Services |
| Bryan Gordan | ChristianaCare |
| Lincoln Willis | Medical Society of Delaware |
| Chris Otto | Delaware Nurses Association |
| Joanne Haase | League of Women Voters of Delaware |
| Randil Munson | Randil Munson Consulting LLC |
| Muindi Schimdt | |
| Logan Shuttleworth | Wilmington University student |
| Terri Lynn Palmer | DHIN |
| Stacey Schiller | DHIN |
| Denise Bowie | DHIN |
| Paula Roy | Roy Associates |
| Bill Howard | BDC HealthIT |
| Victoria Brennan | Office of Controller General |
| Tim Gibbs | Delaware Academy of Medicine |
| Richard Holaday | Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance |
| David Roose | Department of Finance |
| Cheryl Heiks | Delaware Health Care Facilities Association |
| Maggie Norris Bent | Westside Family Healthcare |
| Mollie Poland | Nemours |

Meagan Ricketts
Nicole Freeman
Nora Hoban
Pam Price
Wayne Smith
Yvette Santiago
Elizabeth Koonce
Frank Pyle
Chris Haas
Jonathan Mathieu
Karyl Rattay

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