



## **The Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC) Meeting**

July 7, 2022

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

### **Meeting Attendance and Minutes**

**Commission Members Present:** Theodore W. Becker (Mayor of Lewes), Dr. Nancy Fan (St. Francis), Secretary Rick Geisenberger (DOF), Dr. Roger Harrison (Nemours), Melissa Jones, Dr. Jan Lee (DHIN), Cabinet Secretary Molly Magarik (DHSS), and Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro (DOI)

**Meeting Facilitator:** Dr. Nancy Fan (Chair)

**Commission Members Absent:** Richard Heffron, Nick Moriello (Highmark), and Dr. Richard Margolis (DSCYF)

**Health Care Commission Staff:** Stephanie Hartos (Public Health Administrator), Latoya Wright (Manager of Statistics and Research), and Tynietta Congo-Wright (Administrative Specialist III)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

It was determined a quorum was present, and Dr. Fan called the meeting to order at approximately 8:58 a.m. via WebEx. 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](mailto:dhcc@delaware.gov)). Dr. Fan shared there was an informal discussion about legislation prior to starting the session and going back to former DHSS Secretary Dr. Kara Odom Walker said about gun violence being a public health issue. Dr. Fan said that from a chairperson point of privilege, she appreciated the recent gun violence legislation that was passed this legislative session.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **ACTION ITEM: Approve June 2, 2022, meeting minutes**

Dr. Fan asked the commissioners to review the draft June 2, 2022, meeting minutes. There were no comments. Dr. Jan Lee made a motion to approve the minutes. Ted Becker seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously accepted by all commissioners present. The approved minutes are available on the [DHCC website](#).

Dr. Fan announced Eschalla Clarke, DHCC Social Services Senior Administrator, is no longer with the DHCC and left for a new position. Ms. Clarke was responsible for the health workforce education portfolio. The DHCC staff will be covering her responsibilities until her successor is in place.

## **POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Secretary Geisenberger provided a summary of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Final Budget. The budget bill was introduced on June 7 and passed at the end of June. The operating budget for FY 23 for the first time passed the \$5 billion mark, a 6.9% growth which is above inflation. The budget includes one-time spending. In addition, the operating budget fully funded the Rainy-Day Fund and Budget Stabilization Fund, and allocated \$855.5 million in cash to the Capital and Bond Bill.

Secretary Geisenberger shared highlights of the final FY 2023 budget which included supporting healthy families, additional investments in health, related investments in health:

- Compensation and pay equity for state employees,
- Increasing Opportunity Funding Investments in our schools
- Boost service provider funding
- Record investment in clean water, economic development, and new school construction in all three counties
- Support secure and modern spaces for Kent and Sussex County courthouses
- Extended post-partum Medicaid coverage
- Increased support for childcare providers
- Community supports for those with disabilities
- Growth Delaware Healthy Children Insurance Program
- Increased funding for Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program

Secretary Geisenberger shared the Bond Bill and Capital Budget included economic development, environmental, and investing in Delaware's school children. Looking ahead, Secretary Geisenberger shared a revenue forecast:

## Looking Ahead



- **GF Revenue FY21 Actual** - \$5,390 M
  - *19.0% growth / 13.5% adjusted growth*
- **FY22 GF Revenue Estimate** -- \$5,783 M
  - *7.3% growth / 16.0% adjusted growth*
- **FY23 GF Revenue Forecast** -- \$5,814 M
  - *0.5% growth / - 1.8% adjusted growth*
- **FY 24 GF Revenue Forecast** -- \$5,789.3
  - *-0.4% growth / -1.5% adjusted growth*



The budget process for FY24 will begin in July with Governor Carney's proposed recommendation budget for FY 24 in January. Between February and March, the Joint Finance Committee and Bond Bill Committee hearings take place. During April and May the markup of the budget proposals take place, and by June the General Assembly passes the budget and bond bills.

Secretary Magarik added FY 23 budget also included funding to implement the value-based portion of primary care and also health equity and access to expand post-partum Medicaid coverage.

Secretary Geisenberger's presentation is available on the [DHCC website](#).

### Public Comment:

Marge Fleming Smith shared she has been working with various partners to create a Parkinson disease registry for Delaware. Ms. Smith asked if the commissioners or anyone attending the meeting could share with her any leads of who she could contact.

### From the WebEx Chat Box:

Marge Fleming Smith to everyone:

Who can I talk to about getting a Parkinson Disease Registry in Delaware? It likely will need to go into the Governors Budget.

Marge Fleming Smith to everyone:

I work with the MJ Fox Foundation to implement a Parkinson Disease Registry in each state. There are over 3460 people in Delaware suffering with PD.

CHeiks to everyone:

Kudos to the DHSS for the investments made to DHCI for the future for their residents and staff

Marge Fleming Smith to everyone:  
How can I get in touch with Dr. Janice Lee to hear about DHIN?

from CHEiks to everyone:  
Also on behalf of long-term care and other healthcare providers for the investments made of ARPA funds for staffing stabilization and infection prevention.

Magarik, Molly DHSS to everyone:  
Kiki Evinger, Chief Policy Advisor for DHSS: kiki.evinger@delaware.gov

Magarik, Molly DHSS to everyone:  
I apologize, it's kathryn.evinger@delaware.gov

Marge Fleming Smith to everyone:  
Thank you Secretary Magarik.

## **UPDATES**

### **Primary Care Reform Collaborative (PCRC)**

Dr. Fan provided an update on the PCRC activities. The PCRC last met in June which included updates from the Payment and Attribution Workgroup and Care Coordination Workgroup. The Delaware Primary Care Payment Model was presented to the PCRC. The model is available on DHCC's website. It contains recommendations for a value-based payment model with a focus on patient attribution, panel size consideration, payment to PCPs, varying payments based on need and practice, infrastructure, and quality measures. In the fall, the PCRC will move to a quarterly meeting schedule with the next PCRC meeting scheduled for Monday, September 12 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The workgroups will continue to meet over the summer.

### **Health Resources Board (HRB)**

Dr. Fan provided an update on the HRB Sunset. Effective June 6, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee Adopted Recommendations (JLOSC) on the Health Resources Board review. Recommendation #6 stating HRB is held over and shall report to the Committee in January 2023 and shall submit progress reporting to JLOSC staff regarding the progress and implementation of all adopted recommendations on a quarterly schedule.

Operations will be streamlined during the period of holdover and pending legislation. The use of review committees has been discontinued. Staff will prepare overview of the application and provide HRB members with an overview and application materials; HRB will ask questions of applicant after presentation; if a public hearing is requested, comments will be taken at the presentation meeting; HRB will review and vote on application at the meeting and direct any

questions during discussion to the applicant during their meeting. Finally, the review process may be split into two (2) meetings if the application is extensive.

## **Marketplace**

Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro provided an update on Delaware's marketplace. The market in Delaware has stabilized with the implementation of the 1332 waiver. There have been over 30,000 Delawareans sign up for insurance on the marketplace. The Department of Insurance (DOI) announced Ameri Health Caritas and Aetna CVS will be offering plans on the exchange and DOI is reviewing their rate filings.

### **From the WebEx Chat Box:**

Lori Ann Rhoads to everyone:  
Any updates on the Medicaid Payers approved for 2023?

Lori Ann Rhoads to everyone:  
medicaid mcos

Secretary Margarik replied DHSS is currently wrapping up the procurement and not ready to announce who those carriers will be at this point in time.

## **ADJOURN**

Dr. Fan asked if there was any additional public comment or comments from the commissioners. Secretary Magarik shared an update on COVID Delaware – we are seeing a significant uptick in cases and new variants BA4 and 5 which represent 70% of new cases in the U.S. The variant is as contagious as we saw in the January 2022 wave. DHSS encourages Delawareans to get vaccinated and boosted.

Dr. Fan highlighted the website, [My Healthy Community](#), is a great resource for COVID data.

Cheryl Heiks, Delaware Health Care Facilities Association, encouraged the public to take all precautions when visiting loved ones in long term care facilities and to get vaccinations if they are eligible.

### **From the Chat Box:**

from Magarik, Molly DHSS to everyone:  
<https://de.gov/gettested>; <https://de.gov/getmyvaccine>

from Magarik, Molly DHSS to everyone:  
<https://de.gov/coronavirus>

The next DHCC meeting will be held September 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Public Meeting Attendees**

**July 7, 2022**

Anthony Onugu	United Medical
Brian Olson	La Red Health Center
Cheryl Heiks	Delaware Health Care Facilities Association
Chris Haas	Department of Insurance
David Roose	Department of Finance
Delaney McGonegal	Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers
Frank Pyle	Department of Insurance
Jill Fredel	DHSS
Kathy Collison	DHSS
Katie Macklin	Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter
KiKi Evinger	DHSS
Lincoln Willis	The Willis Group
Lolita Lopez	Westside Family Healthcare
Lori Ann Rhodes	Medical Society of Delaware
Marge Fleming Smith	MJ Fox and Parkinson Foundation Ambassador and PD Caregiver
Megan Williams	Delaware Healthcare Association
Mollie Poland	Nemours
Nichole Freedman	Morris James
Nina Figueroa	DHR
Paula Roy	Roy Associates
Steven Costantino	DHSS
Tim Gibbs	Delaware Academy of Medicine
Victoria Brennan	Office of Controller General
Wayne Smith	Delaware Healthcare Association
Corrinne Armann	
Genna Viggiano	
Katie Hopkins	