

MaineCare Advisory Committee (MAC)

PRESENTED BY KATHY KILRAIN DEL RIO, MAC CHAIR

Federal Statute

- Every state has an Advisory Committee
- Federal Statute (Section 1902(a) (22) of the Social Security Act)
- Policy for the Committee is set forth in Section 431.12, Title 42, (Chapter IV) of the Code of Federal Regulations

Maine Rules

- Chapter 1 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual
- Section 1.25

Purpose

The MaineCare Advisory Committee shall advise MaineCare Services and the Office for Family Independence of the Department of Health and Human Services on MaineCare health and medical care services. The MaineCare Advisory Committee shall be given adequate opportunity for meaningful participation in policy development and program administration, including furthering the participation of beneficiary members in the MaineCare program. The advice of the Committee is not binding upon the Department.

Membership

- Representatives of the health professions who are familiar with the medical needs of low-income population groups and with the resources available and required for their care
- MaineCare members and representatives of consumers' groups

Membership

Esther Bullard: DHHS, OFI

Stephanie Chase: MaineCare Member

Laura Cordes: Maine Association of Community Service Providers

Jamie Cotnoir: Maine CDC

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio: Maine Equal Justice Partners

Cathy Dionne: Autism Society of Maine

Gia Drew: EqualityMaine

Al Durgin: Spurwink

Rachel Dyer: Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

Leo Delicata: Legal Services for the Elderly

Mark Eves: Woodfords

Mike Hallundbaek: Waldo CAP

Zach Hawkins: MaineCare Member

Candy Henderly: Penobscot Nation

Jillian Jolicoeur: Assistance Plus

Marge Kilkelly: Maine Primary Care Association

Sarah Lewis: Maine Access Immigrant Network

Jim Martin: Sweetser

Vickie McCarty: Consumer Council System of Maine

Atlee Reilly, Esq.: Disability Rights Maine

Dee Sabattus: Passamaquoddy Health Center

Mary Schneckenburger: Consumers for Affordable Healthcare

Judy Seals (Alt: Suzanne Farley): Alliance for Addiction and Mental Health Services

Jeff Tiner: Catholic Charities

Susan White (Alt: Laurie Belden): Home Care and Hospice Alliance

David Winslow: Maine Hospital Association

Membership

- Chair: Kathy Kilrain del Rio, Maine Equal Justice
- Vice Chair: Gia Drew, EqualityMaine

Chair & Vice Chair elected annually

MAC members serve 3-year terms; may serve additional terms following their initial appointment to the Committee

Current terms are from August 2019 – July 2022

New members can be appointed on a rolling basis if a vacancy occurs

Staff

- A DHHS staff person is assigned to provide support to the MAC
- Other staff from DHHS attend MAC meetings to share information and hear concerns from members
- Notes and meeting materials are posted online at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/advisory-groups>

Meetings

- First Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Open to the public
- Since April 2020 meetings are held on Zoom

Meetings

- Regular Review of Policy Developments

At each regularly scheduled meeting, the Committee shall be provided with a list of all policy issues related to MaineCare that are currently under consideration by the Office for Family Independence or MaineCare Services. In addition, it shall list the subject matter of all currently proposed rules and issues scheduled for rulemaking within the next month, and the stage of those proposals. At each scheduled meeting, members of the Committee shall be given the opportunity to discuss any issue on the list or set any such issue aside for further discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Meetings

Recent Agenda Items:

- COVID Updates from OMS and OFI
- Review of Enrollment Data
- Rates System Evaluation Process
- Discussion of Section 28 Services
- Electronic Visit Verification Implementation
- COVID Vaccine Rollout
- Provider Enrollment Updates

Subcommittees

- May be formed anytime
- Must be chaired by a MAC member
- May include people who are not MAC members
- Share updates/concerns at MAC meetings as needed

Subcommittees

Examples:

- Rates
- Dental
- Provider Communications
- Member Access

Powers

- Committee Action
- Public Statements by Committee Members
- Any testimony must clarify the Committee's role as advisory to the Department.

Questions?

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