

# MCAC February 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes

## Introduction

- **MCAC Members:** Karma Boll, Amy Nordness, Jessica Meeske, Frank Herzog, Sue Misselt, Sharon Price, Melanie Davis, Vietta Swalley, Staci Hubert
- **MLTC Employees:** Kevin Bagley, Nate Watson, Matt Ahern, Carissa Schweitzer Masek, Chris Morton, Collin Spilinek, Jordan Himes

## Review and Approval of Minutes

- Frank makes a motion to approve, which is seconded by Dr. Nordness
  - o December 15, 2022, minutes are approved

## Change in Chairmanship of the Committee

- Karma is now the chair of the committee and is accepting nominations for vice chair
  - o Dr. Meeske nominates Dr. Nordness
    - Dr. Nordness accepts
  - o No other nominations are made
- Frank makes a motion for approval, seconded by Melanie
  - o Dr. Nordness is now the Vice Chair of the committee

## MLTC Business Updates

- Enrollment Update
  - o Members of the committee received a copy of the document to review in person and virtually
    - Enrollment under Medicaid Expansion is increasing the most
- Legislative Bills
  - o As requested, the committee received a list of the 10 most relevant bills to MLTC this Legislative Session
  - o Questions
    - Frank: Have the staff taken a position on any of these bills?
      - Kevin: The department has taken a position on a handful of these bills
      - Kevin recently spoke in opposition of LB592 which would put additional barriers to sharing data across programs
      - For many of the bills, the department is letting the fiscal note speak for itself
      - LB85 has a large impact on MLTC
        - o The department was in opposition to a similar bill that was proposed during the last Legislative Session
        - o The department believes this bill would generate additional problems during the unwind
        - o There has not yet been a hearing on this bill

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- LB419
  - Increase in continuous eligibility for post-partum mothers from 60 days to 12 months
    - It is not uncommon for a mother to be found eligible under another program. This would just ensure that they would have no change to their eligibility for 12 months.
- LB326
  - Increase of continuous coverage for Children from 6 months to 12 months
  - MLTC did not testify or provide comment. Only a fiscal note was provided
- LB 276: Requirement for certified community behavioral health centers to be covered under Medicaid
  - There are currently 4 in the state of Nebraska
    - The bill would require MLTC to pay for those services directly under Medicaid
    - At this time only select services are covered
    - A hearing will be held the week of February 20
    - MLTC did not comment at all on a similar bill last year (LB976)
  - Frank: Regarding appropriation bills for nursing and assisted living facilities, is the budget increased?
    - Kevin: You are referencing LB 129, 130, and 131
      - The appropriations would be in addition to what they received last year and could be an increase. However, the ARPA money that was given to them last year will not be matched because it was a one-time payment.
  - Karma: Will we get an update on these bills and their status in April? Committee members, please let Collin know if you have anything else that you would like an update on.
    - Kevin: Yes, an update will be provided to the committee.

### Unwind Presentation

- Collin reviews the unwind presentation
- Questions
  - Karma: What percent of members will be the automatic renewal?
    - Chris: We will take that back and update the committee
  - Frank: What is Medicaid's Budget for the unwind?

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- Kevin: Enhanced federal funding is in place now through the end of June. MLTC is receiving 6.2 percent extra of federal funds. CMS will be evaluating to see if we are meeting all the requirements to collect the percentages that decrease over time. In Nebraska, this is around 60% in federal funds. This shifts every fiscal year.
- Karma: The unwind will happen and overlap the MCO structure change. I am concerned with people having changes overlapped. How is this going to play out?
  - Matt: We are working on education plans in terms of how to communicate. To my knowledge, we haven't had many specific conversations on the unwind and transition other than including Melina in current conversations to prepare them to take the same responsibilities as existing MCOs. However, we can continue to work on this.
- Frank: how would you characterize your success so far?
  - Matt: So far, the success is largely in the preparation. But we start the redetermination process on March 1 so we will know more then.
- Karma: The committee will want updates in each meeting for the next year to discuss how successful the unwind is going in addition to tracking the enrollment numbers
  - Kevin: There will be a monthly dashboard available online which will be sent out as part of the update

### Managed Care Contracts Implementation Timeline

- Matt: It was asked if we could share the implementation of the new Managed Care Contracts
  - The contracts were just completed. On February 24, all MCOs owe MLTC a comprehensive implementation plan
  - MLTC hosts bi-weekly meetings with each plan
  - All plans have begun their outreach and engagement in the provider community
- Karma: Molina and Nebraska Total Care have been responsive, but United Healthcare has been hard to get ahold of. Can MLTC encourage them to reach out to the group?
  - Matt will speak with UHC about the issue

### Discussion on Project Approval System

- Collin: This is coming from Dr. Meeske's inquiry about the dental reimbursement issue

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- Medicaid boards usually have a specific process for each project. The boards take 2 to 3 projects a year to focus on. A proposed project should be submitted to the committee for discussion as a group.
- Karma thinks it is a good idea but welcomes input from others. Structure may help the committee's implementation of the projects and inform MLTC throughout the duration of the project.
  - Franks makes a motion to adopt the process, seconded by Dr. Nordness
    - The motion is approved and will move forward. The committee may need to hold a brief executive meeting in March to move forward.

### **Discuss Term Limits**

- Collin: We have 7 members of the committee who will need to be replaced.
  - Amy Fish, Jason Gieschen, Staci, Sue, and Jason Paddock were all on one-year term limits
    - Staci agrees to stay for a full term
    - Sue will not be returning
  - Jay Fleecs and Jeanne Burke have stepped down
  - Karma would like to add an item to the agenda for the committee's next meeting to discuss expanding membership
    - It has been hard to find providers who are able to take time away from their practice to be part of the committee
  - Joey: Is there information online on how to apply to the committee?
    - Chris: We will put that back up on the website so you can refer people

### **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting would be on April 20 from 3 to 5 p.m.
  - MLTC is open to suggestions on where to hold the next meeting
    - The spend down presentation will be held in this meeting
  - Karma proposes Omaha, and Frank agrees

### **Open Discussion**

- Karma: Do we want to discuss student reimbursement on the agenda for April?
  - Frank: If nothing else we can identify a senator to work with
  - This will be on the agenda for the next meeting

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Frank makes a motion to adjourn, which is seconded by Dr. Nordness