

Kathy Grissom-First Data-Conference Call
 Craig Wilson-ACHI
 Brenda McCormick-PCG-Conference Call
 Ashley Odom-PCG
 LeAnn Rollans-First Data
 Sue Stone-First Data

Absent

Members: Rep. Mark Biviano
 Dr. Creshelle Nash
 Dr. John Shelnett

Meeting Notes

Item #	Description of Discussion	Action/Issue Item Number (if applicable)
I.	Steering Committee Facilitator David Sodergren opened the meeting and welcomed the Steering Committee and guests. All attendees introduced themselves.	
II.	Minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed.	
III.	<p>Cindy Crone provided an overview of the Monthly report. Cindy Crone informed the committee that no recommendations had been forwarded to the Commissioner for approval.</p> <p>Kurt Knickrehm inquired about branding. The Federal Exchange has not yet announced it's name. The Arkansas outreach/education program will be titled the <i>Arkansas Health Connector</i> with tag line "your guide to health insurance" and will also be used to "brand" Arkansas In-Person Assistors and federal Navigators working in Arkansas.</p> <p>Re: Page 6 - Anna Strong inquired about the IPA Entity RFP creation and evaluation and the CAAC role in those processes. Cindy Crone advised that those tasks would be limited to HBEPD staff and the Office of State Procurement as members/attendees of the CAAC may want to apply to become IPA entities.</p> <p>Re: Page 1 – Anna Strong commented o the limited time for discussion and input by consumers regarding habilitative services.</p>	
IV.	David Sodergren discussed the deviations from the established stakeholder engagement model in terms of the late distribution of materials and the last minute acceptance of materials from various sources. The groups were hindered by the publication of multiple federal	

	<p>documents and a 30 day deadline for states to provide updates to their EHB compounded by the complexity of decisions needed. It was acknowledged that the deviations should be an exception and not become an accepted practice.</p>	
V.	<p>Consumer Assistance Advisory Committee Co-Chair Anna Strong provided a recap of the December Consumer Assistance Advisory Committee Recommendations and the Issue Brief regarding IPA Payment Method.</p>	
VI.	<p>Cal Kellogg gave an overview of the December Plan Management meeting discussion and recommendation to the Steering Committee.</p> <p>The topics for the December meeting included:</p> <p>1.) Which pediatric vision plan to be included in the EHB. The Steering Committee was asked to decide between the current ARKids vision plan and the Federal vision plan as a recommendation to the Commissioner.</p> <p>Discussion occurred and committee was advised ARKids First does not cover contact lenses unless medically necessary. Review by actuaries showed differences to be net neutral. ARKids First version is already known and understood.</p> <p>Motion made and seconded for recommendation to adopt the ARKids First vision plan. Vote (11-0) in favor.</p> <p>2.) Whether Pediatric dental coverage should be extended to age 19.</p> <p>Committee was advised that earlier federal rules only addressed pediatric vision as going to age 19. New federal documentation published since Arkansas submitted their EHB clarifies that pediatric services (Vision and Dental) can go up to age 19 and may even go beyond 19 should a state choose.</p> <p>Motion made and seconded to recommend clarifying in EHB that both pediatric services (vision and dental) are up to age 19 which also aligns with AR Medicaid. Vote (11-0) in favor of recommendation.</p> <p>3.) Defining Habilitative Services.</p> <p>Cal Kellogg presented the committee with the PMAC definition for Habilitative Services and advised the committee that the PMAC had not had an opportunity to review the recommendation from the consumer focus group that had met on Monday, December 17, 2012.</p> <p>The committee expressed frustration over the limited study and review time given the timeframes imposed by federal government and trying to</p>	

	<p>look at a variety of definitions.</p> <p>Motion made and seconded to accept the PMAC definition.</p> <p>More discussion by committee and from observers present at the meeting regarding "other therapies", "appropriate therapies", parity with rehab, etc.</p> <p>Motion was withdrawn.</p> <p>A new motion was made and seconded to: a) Accept the DDPA proposed definition only of Habilitative Services and know that by law it has to be at least at parity . b) continue to try and develop minimum of parity between habilitative and rehabilitative by going back through the PMAC and to the Steering Committee by the next scheduled meeting on January 24, 2013. c) Additionally, AID would attempt to see if CCIO will accept change to EHB after the January 24, 2013 meeting.</p> <p>The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.</p>	
VII.	<p>Closing-. The next meeting will be held January 24, 2013 at the Arkansas Insurance Department, Suite 201.</p> <p>Cindy thanked the Committee members and the meeting was adjourned.</p>	