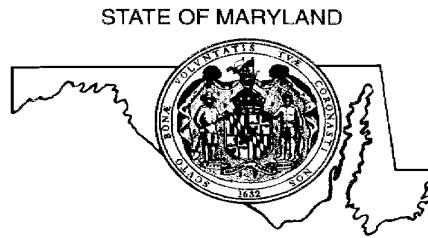


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Minutes

Chairman Tanio called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Commissioners present: Conway, Falcone, Fleig, McHale, McLean, Montgomery, Peralta, Phillips, Schneider, and Weinstein. Commissioner Kan participated via telephone.

ITEM 1.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17th public meeting of the Commission, which was seconded by Commissioner Fleig and unanimously approved.

ITEM 2.

Update of Activities

Ben Steffen, Executive Director, said that MHCC staff have been participating in the various workgroups established by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

David Sharp, Director of the Center for Health Information and Innovative Care Delivery, said the PCMH Transformation Workgroup met on May 7 and will meet again on June 3 to discuss the framework.

ITEM 3.

ACTION: COMAR 10.25.16 – Electronic Health Record Incentives – Final Regulations

Angela Evatt, Chief of Health Information Exchange, presented regulations regarding electronic health records (EHRs) that were adopted as proposed permanent regulations by the Commission at its January, 2014 meeting. Ms. Evatt noted that the regulations would enable primary care practices that achieve meaningful use of EHRs to receive an incentive payment from select State-

regulated payors and would align the requirements for EHR adoption incentives from State-regulated carriers with the federal EHR incentive program requirements. Staff recommended that the Commission adopt the regulations as final regulations of the Commission. Commissioner Peralta made a motion to adopt the final regulations, which was seconded by Commissioner McHale and approved by a majority vote. Commissioners Fleig and Kan abstained.

ACTION: COMAR 10.25.16– Electronic Health Record Incentives – Regulations are hereby ADOPTED as FINAL.

ITEM 4.

ACTION: Certificate of Need – Change in Approved Project – Mercy Medical Center, Inc. (Docket No. 12-24-2332)

Joel Riklin, Program Manager, presented the staff recommendation on the request by Mercy Medical Center, Inc for a modification of a Certificate of Need awarded by the Commission on December 20, 2012. Mr. Riklin stated that Mercy was seeking approval to relocate four operating rooms and add four additional operating rooms. He noted that the original approved project cost was \$23,529,589, and that the requested modification, if approved, bring the total anticipated cost to \$25,381,424. Staff recommended approval of the requested modification. Commissioner Conway made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, which was seconded by Commissioner McLean and unanimously approved.

ACTION: Change in Approved Project – Mercy Medical Center, Inc. (Docket No. 12-24-2332) is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM 5.

ACTION: Certificate of Need Exemption – Relocation of SurgiCenter of Pasadena, LLC (MedStar Health System) from Pasadena (Anne Arundel County) to Brandywine (Prince George’s County)

Kevin McDonald, Chief of Certificate of Need, presented the staff recommendation on the request for Certificate of Need exemption filed by MedStar Health System to relocate two operating rooms from a temporarily delicensed freestanding ambulatory surgical facility known as the SurgiCenter of Pasadena in Anne Arundel County to the planned MedStar Brandywine Health Center, an outpatient facility to be located in Prince George’s County. Mr. McDonald said the project, if approved, will consist of two relocated operating rooms, one minor procedure room, fourteen pre- and post-operative bays, and a central processing area. He said the health center will also include physician offices and exam rooms, space for diagnostic imaging, outpatient rehabilitation services, and blood drawing. Mr. McDonald noted that, because staff concluded that MedStar had met the requirements for approval of a Certificate of Need exemption for this project, facility relocation, staff recommended approval of the request for exemption from Certificate of Need review. Commissioner Fleig made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, which was seconded by Commissioner McLean and unanimously approved.

ACTION: Certificate of Need Exemption – Relocation of SurgiCenter of Pasadena, LLC (MedStar Health System) from Pasadena (Anne Arundel County) to Brandywine (Prince George’s County) is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM 6.

PRESENTATION: Professional Services Report

Srinivas Sridhara, Chief of Cost and Quality Analysis, presented the 2012 Professional Services Report, which included an analysis of variation by payor market share, in versus out-of-network rates, region, and type of services, and included comparisons to Medicare and Medicaid payment rates. Mr. Sridhara said that overall payment rates remained stable, with marginal increases in payments per relative value unit. He noted that large payers pay about 12% less than other payers, that out-of-network payments are over double in-network payments, and that private insurance payment rates are roughly equivalent to Medicare payment rates and are about 30% higher than Medicaid payment rates.

ITEM 7.

PRESENTATION: MHCC’s Response to CMS’s release of Practitioner and Supplier Payment Information – Version 2

Chairman Tanio noted that, based on the Commissioners’ suggestions made at the April public meeting, staff has worked to add additional functionalities to the provider pricing web application that would permit provider comparisons and add options for filtering data. Linda Bartnyska, Director of the Center for Analysis and Information Systems, and Leslie LaBrecque, Chief of Data Base and Application Development, presented the revised application, and discussed its potential to obviate the professional services report. The application will be made available to Commissioners and members of the Practitioner Performance Measurement Workgroup for further review and feedback.

ITEM 8.

DEMONSTRATION: Advance Directive Registry

A demonstration of an online advance directive registry integrated with the CRISP query portal was provided by: David Sharp, Director of the Center for Health Information Technology and Innovative Care Delivery; Sarah Orth, Chief of Health Information Technology; Ryan Bramble, Program Manager at CRISP; and Jeff Zucker, CEO of ADVault, Inc. The registry will allow consumers to create and maintain their advance directives through a secure website and will allow health care providers to search the CRISP query portal to retrieve patients’ advance directives.

ITEM 9.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m. upon motion of Commissioner Schneider, which was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery and unanimously approved.