

Minutes of the Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council

September 20, 2022

Council members present: Ms. Laura Adams; Mr. Bill Geary; Ms. Lauren Peters, designee of Secretary Marylou Sudders, Executive Office of Health and Human Services; Mr. Niels Puetthoff, designee of Commissioner Gary Anderson, Division of Insurance; Ms. Cassandra Roeder, designee of Secretary Michael Heffernan, Executive Office for Administration and Finance; Dr. Meredith Rosenthal; Ms. Coleen Elstermeyer, designee of Executive Director David Seltz, Health Policy Commission; and Ms. Sandra Wolitzky, Office of the Attorney General.

Ms. Peters called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTE [VOTE]

Ms. Peters called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022, meeting, which was followed by a formal roll call vote. The minutes were unanimously approved.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Campbell began his executive director's report by providing an update on the FY 2023 budget, which was approved by the Legislature. He also explained to the Council that CHIA was transitioning to a two-day in-person hybrid work week model as of early September.

Ms. Emma Schlitzer, CHIA's External Affairs Manager, provided a legislative update for the Council, including that a mental health bill was recently signed into law which requires CHIA to conduct additional analysis of behavioral health services and expenditures. She also walked the Council through recent publications and data releases since the previous meeting held in June.

Mr. Campbell concluded his report by announcing his impending departure from CHIA as its executive director. Reading from a prepared statement, Mr. Campbell thanked CHIA's appointing authorities and members of the Oversight Council for their support during his tenure at CHIA, as well as the efforts of the payers and providers of the Commonwealth for their partnership, among others. He also thanked his CHIA colleagues for all their work and support. He noted CHIA's importance in measuring the Commonwealth's health care system in a multitude of ways, and its impact on the larger health care community in the state. Mr. Campbell concluded by stating that it has been an honor and privilege to be part of CHIA and to contribute to the work of this agency. Council members expressed their gratitude for his leadership at CHIA and for consistently being a partner to sister state agencies.

III. FINDINGS FROM THE PRIMARY CARE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXPENDITURES

Findings from CHIA's recently published report on primary care and behavioral health expenditures were presented to the Council by Ms. Erin Bonney, Director of Health Informatics and Reporting. She explained to Council members how the data was collected and CHIA's methodology for data analysis, then highlighted major key findings from the report. Council members applauded CHIA's efforts in this very important policy area and expressed interest in the future reports in this series.

IV. TEN YEARS SINCE CH. 224

Noting that CHIA's ten-year anniversary was approaching in October, Mr. Campbell highlighted some significant accomplishments that the agency has achieved since the passage of Chapter 224. He highlighted that of particular interest is CHIA's work to measure total health care expenditures, a first in the nation effort. Mr. Campbell also noted that CHIA has become a hub of interagency data collection and analysis for the Commonwealth to assist in serving other state agencies. He additionally called out CHIA's price transparency efforts, work on health care equity and disparities, extensive data sharing, among other achievements.

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V. CLOSING

With no other business to discuss, Ms. Peters sought to adjourn the meeting; the meeting concluded at 1:04 p.m.