

MINUTES
GENERAL ASSISTANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M.
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 107

Present: Kerry Eagan, Cynthia Covert, Christa Yoakum, Linda Becker, Sara Hoyle, and Jenni Ryan

Absent: Dennis Meyer, CJ Johnson, Joan Anderson, Tami Lewis, and Shirley Terry

Approval of Minutes for General Assistance Monitoring Committee Meeting April 16, 2019: Linda made a correction on page 2 of the minutes to change the report to 200 visits per quarter. Sara moved and Cynthia seconded to approve the minutes with the above change from the April 16, 2019 General Assistance Monitoring Committee.

Bluestem Health:

Linda distributed her report for Bluestem data during the period of June 1, 2019-Nov 30, 2019 (See Exhibit A). She reported that numbers are a little lower than the previous reporting period. Bluestem ended MAP in May 2019. Linda shared that GA clients aren't able to get labs drawn at Bluestem, they have to go to LabCorp.

Reports:

Cynthia distributed the Assistance Application Status Statistics for September, October and November 2019 (See Exhibit B). Kerry asked for clarification on what "Not of Legal Settlement" means under Denial Reasons. Cynthia explained it means they weren't Lancaster County residents.

Sara and Linda met over the summer because a number of clients were not signed up with MAP. She worked with Kohl's and Bluestem on getting clients meds through 340b instead. Some meds are not covered through 340b so GA works to sign those clients up with Medication Assistance through Medicaid.

Medicaid Expansion:

Both Oct 1, 2020 and Jan 1, 2021 have been mentioned as potential start dates. Bluestem will have staff on site to sign people up in August.

Other:

There was a recent issue with a client being financially eligible for GA but who had a history at Bluestem. They tried to provide services but due to safety concerns they are unable to continue to do so. Bluestem is the only provider contracted to provide primary care for GA clients, so Human Services is looking into back-up options for these types of circumstances.

Kerry shared that the County pays \$300,000 for space at the Gold's Building for HHS Medicaid staff. This is a unique arrangement that he has been trying to get legislative support to alleviate the county of this burden.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Room 107, first floor of the County-City Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
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