Approval of Minutes – passes

Haowei Tong, Affordable Care Act (ACA)

3 options under ACA

- Marketplace (formerly called exchange) – can choose a QHP. QHPs will be vetted by feds, but many options.
- 2nd plan – Medicaid Expansion – up to individual states to accept federal funds or leave on the table; Gov. Haslam has not made decision (possibly this week)
- Access to Actuarial Value: You will see the value of your plan and how much comes out of pocket (e.g. 60% covered, 40% out of pocket) → Act. Value Calculator search on HHS website

- It’s not true that anyone with a disability is eligible for TNCare. If you earn over 67% of the poverty line, you are ineligible and insurance is very expensive for this population.
  - About 300,000 TN residents are in this category; ~80k of them are in Shelby Co.
  - If you earn between 15k – 46k brackets, you will be eligible for federal tax subsidies for your insurance.

- TennCare slide - ~41k kids are uninsured; targeted through outreach
- People with disabilities / pre-existing conditions fall into the “at-risk” category

Where would an individual start?
In the next week or so, fed government will put up grant application that non-profits will apply for and the grant is for staff of navigators and in-person help to help people get enrolled.

Assume there will not be enough navigators (people to help applicants through application process). So the TN Healthcare Campaign is launching a grassroots campaign to recruit individuals and organizations to serve as navigators.

Enrollment begins Oct 1, 2013, coverage begins Jan 1. And enrollment will go until March 31, 2014.

Can email paper application; online application and hotline is not available yet.

Dr. Palmer: People with disabilities who will have unique challenges enrolling.

- What are the differences between Marketplace coverage and TNCare coverage?
  - Benefits will vary, which is why we need more navigators.
  - Commissioner of TN Insurance said last week that the deadline for insurance providers to present plans is April. Her deadline to present to the feds is July.

- Does the TN Healthcare Campaign have online info for people looking to enroll? Specifically, can we connect these efforts to state-wide disability efforts? Can we coordinate these efforts so info is correct?
  - Yes, TN HC would like a coordinated state-wide effort. They are already working with the state disability council about Medicaid expansion. \( \rightarrow \) A good next step would be working with local disability folks and having specific outreach efforts.

- What happens if Gov. Haslam leaves the $ on the table? [UPDATE: THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN TN]
  - Folks will be exempt from the penalty, but otherwise “out of luck.” They can purchase plans on the marketplace, but it will likely be unaffordable.

- Will current services be affected?
  - Access TN is being looked at as superfluous; so programs may be on the chopping block. \( \rightarrow \) more of a question for Darren Gordan \( \rightarrow \) Definitely programs under the TNCare \( \rightarrow \) Nobody will be removed from TN Care

Emma: Waiver services for people w/ disabilities on the statewide Medicaid waiver thru DIDD should not be affected by whether the Gov. chooses to go w/ the Medicaid expansion.

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Old Business

- Bruce – working on a roster of program directors and such to come and present on various programs within the Boling Clinic

New Business

- Look at current CAC membership – need to rotate off those who have served their 3 years term (unless they want to stay); also need to excuse people who don’t attend (according to by-laws)
  - This should open up some spots on the board. Ginger is soliciting recommendations for people to join the board.
  - We have 34 members on the CAC and about ½ are people with disabilities or family members → need to make sure that people we are recruiting are people with disabilities or family members and from a state-wide base.
  - Contact Ginger with recommendations – Ginger Walton, queenmum6@comcast.net, 901-860-0854

- Dr. Palmer, SAMSHA Grant
  - Get PPT from Elizabeth
  - Dr. Deborah Hanna, Dr. Tom Cheetham, Vanderbilt University and Dr. Palmer – are working together. Dr. Hannah has wealth of experience in coordinating care for adults with severe disabilities.
  - Camelot – large state-wide provider, like Youth Villages
  - “ambitious” project – involves all 4 other COE’s across TN

- Dr. Keisling, AIDD Grant submission
  - UCEDDs re-apply every 5 years.
  - Submitted application at first of March; will hopefully hear something by the end of this fiscal year.
  - Packet: Listing of objectives and goals
  - Two Goals to highlight:
    - Special Hope grant (Obj. 2.D)
    - 3.D – work with Latino Memphis, YMCA, someone else, to put together health info geared towards Spanish-speaking populations. Boling’s job is to make sure that disability concerns are represented in this health info. → Maybe web-available content like podcasts.
  - Talking about all these benchmarks and programming goals.
    - Sequestration : Don’t know about cuts for core funding. Been told to anticipate about a 5% cut across the board. Hopefully
won’t impact attainment of such goals, but will keep CAC posted.

Meeting Dates for 2013:

May 15th
August 21st
October 16th

Q&A section of meetings: submit to Ginger and she will prepare faculty/staff to answer these questions.

How do families get involved?
- Need more stakeholders and family members
- Boling-Family involvement:
  - Project DOCC
  - Family mentorship program → Families as teachers
  - Looking to diversify families beyond autism.
  - Would be good to see people with disabilities who in the same peer/age group as the trainees
  - Another way to get involved is a trainee-ship for family members (teacher/learner)