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Meeting Summary: June 29, 2004

Chair: Jeffrey Walter

(Next meeting: Thursday September 21, 2 PM, LOB RM 1A)

Department of Social Services

HUSKY Program Update

Dr. Mark Schaefer (DSS) stated there is no further update on the BH carve-out at this time of transition within the government and state agencies. Any potential carve-out dates discussed in that past were really preliminary. The Department expects to have more clarity on the dental carve-out and the BH carve-out decision regarding HUSKY A & B by September.

BH Claims Project

The DSS/MCO contract provision requires DSS to give the MCOs 90-day notice for new reports. The DSS needs to define the report specifications and review with the MCOs before the start of the 90-day notice. Mr. Walters stated that the intent of the work group, at the request of the Medicaid Council, was to develop a report prototype for denied claims. The MCOs participated in the development of the indicators. The MCOs were asked to voluntarily provided data on the defined elements of the report in order to test the usefulness of the reports before the DSS specifications and 90-day report notice was given to the MCOs. Each of the MCO BH subcontractors have begun to gather data and in doing so identified questions that need to be answered for uniform reports among the four MCOs.

The BH Claims work group **will meet Thursday July 15, 9 –10:15 AM in LOB RM 2600** to map out MCO and provider questions and responses in order to have a product to present to DSS by the end of July/August.

Pharmacy Work Group: Jeffrey Walter will contact Rose Ciarcia about the next meeting.

Department of Children & Families

Dr. Karen Andersson (DCF) commented the agency is continuing with the decentralization process. The Agency is working on the details of new residential care coordination and uniform discharge plans. The agency will be releasing the RFP for therapeutic foster care and family support teams. Health Service Research and the CHDI have issued the KidCare Evaluation. This evaluation, focused on the care coordination model, will be presented to the full Medicaid Council in the near future.

DMHAS Update

The agency is working on the medical rehab option for residential MH services. The Mental Health Strategy Board had provided DMHAS with \$200,000 to assess provider readiness. The agency is now working with a contractor to finalize the plan to prepare providers who will work within the rehab option.

The work groups will meet in July and August and the subcommittee is scheduled to meet 9/21/04.