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SB0460 WORKGROUP: MEETING SEVEN
VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Thursday, 12/22/22
9:00AM - 10:30AM

Topic: SB0460 Workgroup: Meeting Seven
Please click the link below to join the webinar:
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At the request of Health and Government Operations Committee Chair Joseline Pena-Melnyk, and in coordination with the leadership of Senator Malcolm Augustine and Delegate Robbyn Lewis, the Maryland Insurance Administration (the MIA) has formed a workgroup to address the establishment of the Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health and Addiction Care (“CHAP”) as proposed in the form of SB0460 (the “CHAP Bill”) passed by the Senate in 2022.

The seventh and final meeting of the SB0460 Workgroup will be held on Thursday, December 22nd, 2022 from 9:00AM - 10:30AM. The MIA will summarize the comments and suggestions that were submitted by the Workgroup and the public regarding the draft Program proposal that was reviewed during the sixth meeting. The MIA will then review draft legislation prepared at the request of Senator Augustine and Delegate Cullison and hear comments on the draft from Workgroup members and interested parties.

The sixth meeting was held on November 22, 2022, from 10:30AM – 12PM, and the MIA Commissioner Kathleen Birrane reviewed a draft proposal for an ombudsman program that would assist Marylanders with accessing treatment and insurance coverage for mental and behavioral health treatment with the workgroup members. The Workgroup members discussed the various aspects of the proposal, and it was determined that formal written comments would be a more efficient way of gathering input from the workgroup and the public. The workgroup agreed to submit written comments and questions to Andrew Tress by Monday, December 5th, 2022.

The fifth meeting was held on October 25, 2022 at 1PM. During the meeting, the members continued the discussion of the appropriate structure of the program and where it should be

housed. Senator Augustine and Delegate Cullison requested that the MIA draft a proposal of the structure of the program if it were to be housed as an independent unit within MIA opposed to creating a separate entity. The members determined that the timeline of this workgroup would be to meet twice more; once in November and once in December before concluding.

The fourth meeting was held on September 30, 2022 at 11:30 am. The discussion was centered around a presentation on the New York CHAMP Program from Stephanie Campbell, Director of the New York State Behavioral Health Ombudsman Office and from Trishia Allen and Greg Meyer of the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports. The CHAP Bill was modeled on the CHAMP program. The workgroup continued its review of the CHAP Bill, starting with a discussion of the structure, legal status, and accountability of the Program contemplated by the CHAP Bill, including the responsibilities of the Incubator and Hub Entities.

The third meeting was held on September 9, 2022 at 11 am. The workgroup heard a presentation from the MIA on programs, such as CHAMP in New York, that provide services similar to the program contemplated by the CHAP Bill and reviewed the definition of “Consumer Assistance Services” in the CHAP Bill to determine whether the Workgroup members disagreed on the scope of those services.

The second meeting was held on August 22, 2022. The discussion centered on programs that currently exist in Maryland that provide some or all of the services described in the CHAP Bill and gaps that exist in those services.

The first meeting was held on June 17, 2022. The purpose of the first meeting was to identify the issues raised with regard to the CHAP Bill that should be addressed by this workgroup.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction of Members (5 Minutes) *Andrew Tress, Director of Government Relations*
- Summary of Comments received on Program Proposal (10 Minutes) – *Andrew Tress*
- Review of Draft Legislation (15 Minutes) – *Commissioner Birrane*
- Discuss Draft Legislation (30 Minutes) – *All Members*
- Receive Public Comment (20 Minutes) – *Andrew Tress*
- Any Other Matters (10 Minutes) – *Commissioner Birrane*
- Adjournment – *Andrew Tress*