

## MHHA Private Duty Committee Meeting Minutes

04/15/2025

Virtual Meeting – Zoom Format

### Agenda.

Proposed Agenda approved with no changes.

### Minutes.

Minutes from the last month's meeting of the Private Duty Committee approved with no corrections.

### Introductions.

#### Compassionate Care Home Health Committee Meeting

Laura Alexander, the CEO of Compassionate Care Home Health, opened the Private Duty Home Care Committee meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.

### Auto No Fault and Medicaid Updates.

Laura Alexander and Laura Haynes discussed legislative issues, particularly focusing on Auto No Fault and the Medicaid budget for home and community-based services. Laura Haynes reported on the active Auto No Fault committee through MHHA, plans for a virtual press conference, and a radio interview. She also mentioned the ongoing Medicaid budget discussions and the potential for a roads package. The team agreed to continue advocating for Medicaid participants and to monitor the budget situation closely.

### Medicaid Budget Uncertainty and Reimbursement Rates.

Laura Haynes discussed the uncertainty surrounding the Medicaid budget, with potential increases in MI Choice Medicaid Waiver rates but no confirmed funding. She also mentioned a survey to gather data for advocacy. Laura Alexander expressed concern about unfilled shifts due to low reimbursement rates. In the Federal Medicaid context, Laura Haynes explained the budget framework and the need to cut \$880 billion over 10 years, which could involve block grants or capitation. She expressed concern about these not being considered cuts and the potential impact on services.

### Medicaid's Impact on Healthcare System.

Laura Haynes discussed the potential impact of Medicaid on the healthcare system, with Thomas Unger arguing that non-essential services are crucial for preventing hospitalizations. Theresa Ruedisueli agreed, highlighting the preventative benefits of these services. Laura Haynes planned to gather more information on how this affects Michigan before advocating for the program. The group also discussed the 80/20 rule, with no current movement but a letter signed by representatives to the President to potentially eliminate it.

### EVV System Challenges and Confusion.

Laura Haynes discussed the challenges with the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system, including issues with the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Community Mental Health Authorities (CMHAs). She mentioned that there is confusion about whether CMHAs are submitting EVV data or if providers are doing it. Laura also mentioned that she has a meeting scheduled with the CMH Association in May to discuss these issues. Thomas expressed frustration with the EVV system, particularly with WellSky, and suggested that the state has some responsibility in the matter. Laura Alexander mentioned that they are struggling with Matrix Care.

### Upcoming Events and Conference Updates.

The group discussed upcoming events and updates. Laura Haynes announced that she will close question submissions today and provided a link for submitting questions. Cindy Thelen provided an update on the upcoming MHHA Annual Conference, mentioning that registration is still open and scholarship winners have been notified. Laura Haynes informed the group that she will conduct a training session on using the new website forum over the summer. The group confirmed that Scott Walmsley from MDHHS will be present at the conference to discuss EVV. Laura Haynes also mentioned that the Direct Care Worker Advisory Task Force met and that Impart Alliance will be at the conference to discuss their training offerings.

Quick recap.

The Private Duty Home Care Committee meeting, led by Laura Alexander, covered various topics including legislative issues, Medicaid budget concerns, and challenges with the Electronic Visit Verification system. Attendees discussed potential impacts of Medicaid changes on healthcare services and advocated for maintaining essential services. The conversation ended with updates on upcoming events, including a conference and training sessions, as well as discussions about the Direct Care Worker Advisory Task Force.

Next steps.

- Laura Haynes to send out a survey to members regarding costs, direct care worker pay, and unfilled shifts after the conference.
- Laura Haynes to put together a sign-on letter for members regarding the CMS funding cuts for designated state health programs once she receives more information from the state.
- Laura Haynes to moderate the EVV panel at the upcoming conference with Scott Walmsley from DHHS, HHA Exchange, and Relia Care representatives.
- Laura Haynes to close EVV question submissions today and compile questions for the panel.
- Tom to have Sherry submit EVV-related questions to Laura Haynes using the provided form link.
- Laura Haynes to conduct a training session over the summer on how to use the new forum and set notifications on the website.
- Laura Haynes to meet with the CMH Association in May to discuss EVV compliance and clarify confusion around data submission.

Next Private Duty Committee Meeting scheduled to be held in person during the Annual MHHA Conference in Kalamazoo in May, 2025.

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