

April 16, 2008 DURB Meeting Summary

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Roll Call			<p>Present: Dr. Swee, Dr. Gooen, Mr. Schafer, Dr. Condoluci, Dr. Lichtbroun, Dr. Gochfeld, Ms. Olson, Dr. Moynihan, Dr. Zanna, Dr. Marcus, Ms. Rodriguez, Dr. Barberio</p> <p>Absent: Dr. Woodward, Dr. Moore, Dr. Cavalieri</p>
Review of Minutes	Pages 3-6; Tab 1	Approved	Minutes from the February 2008 meeting were approved.
New Secretary		Approved	Dr. Swee acknowledged the help of out-going Acting Secretary, Dr. Patel and then went on to nominate the new Board's Secretary, Jacqueline H. Zaremba, APN-C, RN, MSN. The Board approved Ms. Zaremba.
Secretary's Report	Page 7-8; Tab 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The protocols from the February 2007 meeting (Smoking Cessation) and HIV medications, Isentress and Intelence) have been implemented. - The DURB newsletters that contain information about recently approved protocols are awaiting sign off from the Director's office and once approved will be posted on the DURB website. The annual reports for State Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 has been approved by the Department of Human Services and has been forwarded to the Department of Health and Senior Services. - CMS/Medicare has added coverage for smoking cessation counseling; Medicaid made a decision to include this as a covered benefit. - Additional denial data to be requested from the HMOs are: clinical criteria not met; drug/drug interaction; duration exceeded; excessive dose; incomplete information; and therapeutic duplication. This request has been transmitted to the Office of Managed Care, in care of Dr. Simone.

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Business			
A. Hepatitis C protocol addendum	Pages 45-48 ; Tab 4	Approved	The Board approved the addendum
Informational Highlights			
Disease Management Update			Robert Kocsardy presented an update on the CNS (disease management) project. The State will continue to provide updates to the Board. The Board requested data to determine if behavioral changes are being made by practitioners as a result of these recommendations.
Unisys Reports	Pages 53-56 ; Tab 5		Monthly denial data was presented. The Board requested more details (breakdown of prescriber types) for the MNF (Medication Necessity Form) not Returned category. They also requested a breakdown of categories with the highest volume. For the Suboxone® denial category, Dr. Marcus agreed to write an informational newsletter to help educate providers on the use of this product. Changes will be made on the Suboxone protocol to reflect current trend and be discussed in the June meeting.
New Reports/updates	Pages 71-75 ; Tab 7		The Board reviewed new FDA alert on Singulair®.
Action Items			
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<p>1. HMO Denial data</p> <p>2. Annual Report</p> <p>3. Disease Management</p>			<p>1. The State will provide the Board with additional denial data from the HMOs.</p> <p>2. Annual Reports for SFY '06 and SFY '07 have been drafted and approved by the Department of Human Services; the reports have been forwarded to the Department of Health and Senior Services for approval.</p> <p>3. The State will continue to provide updates for the disease management programs, including behavioral change data collected by CNS based on its interventions.</p>