I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Mike Diedrich (Brent Phillips), Jennifer Stalley (Eric Nelson), Steven Novotny, Michelle Baack, Belinda Nelson, Rob Loe, Scott Kennedy, Bruce Wintle, Ellen Durkin, Darci Bible, Colleen Winter

DSS staff: Sarah Aker, Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger

II. October 22, 2015 Minutes

Minutes from the October 22 Meeting were distributed in the packet and posted electronically.

III. Home and Community Based Services Update

Sarah Aker provided an overview of updates made to the HCBS Statewide Transition Plan as a result of comments made by CMS in October 2015. The revised STP was available for public comment for thirty days from February 29 to March 30, 2016. The revised STP was submitted to CMS on April 6, 2016. More information about the STP is available online at: http://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/hcbs.aspx

Colin Hutchinson gave an overview of the federal Conflict Free Case Management rule and the CHOICES waiver amendment. CHOICES intends to transition to CFCM beginning on June 1, 2016. Individuals and families will have from June to October to pick a case management provider. Beginning in October, DHS will assign individuals to a case management provider if they did not select a provider. All individuals will be assigned to a provider by November 1, 2016. Individuals may request a new provider or change providers at any time. Michelle Baack asked what the requirements are for new case management providers. Colin Hutchinson explained that new providers are required to provide regional coverage and be accredited by the Council on Quality Leadership (CQL). Scott Kennedy asked what would happen to case managers currently employed by Community Support Providers. DHS anticipates that CSPs will transition their case managers to other roles in the CSP or that individual case managers may seek employment with new case management providers. Dr. Wintle asked about
the location of providers and face-to-face requirements for case management. Case managers will likely be located in the communities of the individuals they case manage; there are quarterly face-to-face requirements for observation and monitoring. Dr. Wintle asked if the change was a result of complaints from individuals or stakeholders. CFCM is a federal mandate for states. Colin contrasted the way case managers operate today with the way case managers will operate under CFCM.

Misty Black Bear gave a presentation of the HCBS (ASA) waiver renewal. Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger also talked about the Long Term Care Study and Workgroup that is focused on expanding HCBS services in the waiver.

Ronda gave a presentation about the ADLS waiver amendment.

IV. State Plan Amendment Report

Sarah Aker provided an overview of upcoming state plan amendments (SPAs). DSS will distribute future SPAs to the members of the Medicaid Advisory Committee. Sarah noted that a future SPA would be published regarding the federal recovery audit contractor exemption. The committee discussed the process to provide formal comment/support for the RAC exemption.

V. Administrative Rules of South Dakota

No changes to ARSD are being considered at this time.

VI. Access Monitoring Review Plan

Sarah Aker and Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger gave an overview of the requirement for states to develop an Access Monitoring Review Plan, the required components of the plan, and how the MAC will be involved in review of the plan. Dr. Wintle asked if dentists would be addressed by the plan. DSS confirmed that dentists will be included in the plan. Several members were interested in how the plan would evaluate caseload and provider caps on caseload. DSS commented that an important element of the plan will be to separate geographic access issues from issues that are a result of other issues.

VII. Legislative Budget Updates

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger provided an update on the results of legislative session. Tiffany Wolfgang, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, presented on Functional Family Therapy, a new imitative through the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and implementation efforts since January 2016. Tiffany Wolfgang reviewed the referral mechanism for FFT. Tiffany
Wolfgang will provide an update about initial outcomes at the Fall MAC meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting

An interim meeting of the MAC is scheduled for August 3 at 9 AM to review a draft version of the Access Monitoring Review Plan. The group will also plan to review the work of the Health Care Solutions Coalition and updates on Medicaid Expansion.

The next MAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2016 in Pierre.