

Healthcare Coverage Reform Initiative

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes www.healthcarereform.ohio.gov

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lazarus Government Center, Room C621 A&B, 6th Floor
Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS)
50 W. Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Attendees:

Brent Mulgrew, Brian Keaton, Cathy Levine, Julia DiRossi, Ty Pine, Nick Lashutka, Shawn Frick, Jerry Friedman, Ken Statz, Cynthia Burnell, Teresa Long, Steve Millard, Jim Castle, Kelly McGivern, Kathleen Gmeiner, Vuka Stricevic, George Dunigan, Margie Frazier, Col Owens, Ron Bridges, Ted Fisher, John Burant, Bill Hayes, Katherine Kuck, Cristal Thomas, Christina Williams, Toya Johnson (Sandy Williams), (Richard Stoff), Steve Wall, Dave Dillon, Dave Dorsky, Linda Woggon, William Fitzgibbon, Ryan Biles, Kathleen Crampton, Bob Krausen, Ernest Boyd, Justin Nigro (Shirley Smith), Jessica Hart, Mary Amos, Christa Colasante, Charlie Solley (Sen R Caucus), Heidi Welch, Chris Whistler, Doug Anderson, Alice Faryna, Bob Krasen, Malika Bartlett, Alan Furan, Adam Rossbach, Shannon Ginther, Sarah Curtin, Kevin Tyler, Anne Jewel, Marjorie Ellis, and Suparna Bhaskaran.

1. Steve Wall welcomed the group and introduced the day's agenda. Doug Anderson said that the goal for today is for the Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the SCI Team.
2. Marjorie Ellis from ODI provided the Advisory Committee with the results of CHAT that involved some of the members of the Advisory Committee. Marjorie also provided the Advisory Committee with information regarding the counties in Ohio that the CHAT Team will conduct CHAT sessions with Ohio's uninsured populations. Marjorie was asked how the CHAT team would get a sense of demographics of CHAT participants. Marjorie asked that those members of the Advisory Committee would be interested in sponsoring CHAT for the uninsured, get in touch with her.
3. Doug Anderson introduced to the group the agenda for the small group break-out sessions. He said that the small groups would take a look at the handout "Reform Proposals Developed for Feedback" and identify areas of agreement and disagreement so that the larger Advisory Committee can in the afternoon come up with recommendations for the SCI Team. During the discussions, Doug clarified that (1) the 5 to 1 rating band in the scenarios applied to all rating characteristics not just health status, (2) the reinsurance option applied to the merged small group market, (3)

a connector may refer people eligible for Medicaid to Medicaid to get them enrolled, (4) funding is needed to conduct outreach to enroll people in any coverage expansion, and (5) the connector model would need to do an eligibility determinations to make sure people continue to be eligible for the subsidies they are receiving.

4. Bill Hayes presented on “Moving Beyond the Status Quo.” An audience member pointed out to Bill that there are more scenarios to consider such as – the option of the “Single Payer Model.” And, that SPAN Ohio is actively working on gathering more signatures by the end of 2008 in regards to the House and Senate bills that was introduced four years ago re: the consideration of universal healthcare in Ohio via the single-payer system. Bill responded by saying that he (the audience member) had raised an important point. A member of the Advisory Committee asked if the initiative will result in even more healthcare spending. Bill said that initially the spending would higher. He encouraged everyone to come see a May 1 Commonwealth Fund speaker at the HPIO who would address some of these concerns. The handout of this presentation is available on the website.
5. Steve Wall gave the Advisory Committee more guidelines to follow in their small groups.
6. The Advisory Committee then participated in small group breakout sessions.
7. Lunch Break: 12:30 to 1:30 pm
8. At the larger group discussion it appeared that although there was some agreement on the Connector, people had questions about how a Connector would work. Some wanted more information about the governance structure and oversight authority. Others asked if they could get basic elements of a Connector and have an expert attend the next meeting. Another committee member asked if Dave Dillon could model a scenario without merging the individual and small group markets. Another, member suggested following a discussion tree as a framework for making recommendations. Since the group could not come up with recommendations for the SCI Team the following was agreed upon: (1) Dave Dillon would model an individual market scenario (2) more information about the Connector will be mailed out to the Advisory Committee by Doug (3) another all day Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on April 17, 2008.
9. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.
10. Next meeting will be on Thursday April 17, 2008.