

# Healthcare Coverage Reform Initiative

## Second Doctor/Provider Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Lobby Conference Room

Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI)

2100 Stella Court, Columbus, OH 43215

### Attendees:

Jan Lanier, Lori Herf, Hubert Wirtz, Pat Bridgeman, Jonalea Neider, Hope McGonigle, Brian Bachelder, Michelle Fitzgibbon, Julie Di Rossi, Jon Wills, Fonda Dawkins, Jenny Camper, Jim Ruvolo, Donna Boswell, Sara Kaminski, Katie Kuhns, Amanda Sines, Jim Poterfield, Cathy Hoffman, Pat McKnight, Michael Ranney, Mary Gallagher, Rich Menke, Kelly O' Reilly, Ann Spicer, Johnathon Ross, Robin Harris, Doug Anderson, Malika Bartlett, Kevin Tyler, Marjorie Ellis, Suparna Bhaskaran.

1. Doug Anderson from the Ohio Department of Insurance welcomed the participants. He emphasized that the purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the last 2-3 months of developments in regards to the Health Care Coverage Initiative. Additionally, he mentioned, that he welcomed feedback from the audience and said their concerns would be considered. He also added that some members of the Advisory Committee were present in the audience. Doug also had everyone in the room introduce themselves.
2. Doug then proceeded with a power point presentation, which is available at [www.healthcarereform.ohio.gov](http://www.healthcarereform.ohio.gov). He also encouraged questions and comments anytime during this presentation.
3. During the course of the meeting, the following issues were raised:
  - a. One participant asked how many people in Ohio are covered through the Open enrollment? A 2005 study done by the department showed less than 2,000 were covered by open enrollment.
  - b. Another participant asked if Ohio has always had underwriting rules that allow insurers to reject people with health conditions. The answer is "yes."
  - c. Another participant asked why are we being so modest in the types of reforms the Advisory Committee is considering? Why are we not considering a single payer system? The current system dysfunctional system—a patchwork. Why must Ohio compromise?
  - d. Another participant asked about the state employee system as a mechanism to extend coverage to the uninsured. Doug explained that this option is still on the table.

4. Other concerns were raised, including the following:

- The Advisory Committee should consider nutritional therapy. It needs to be implemented in the benefits package.
- Families above 300% FPL are struggling. Middle class families have to struggle with COBRA.
- Please add people with addictions to your list of chronic illness. Sometimes they are subsumed under mental health.
- Please do not consider “light” benefit packages. People need integrated primary healthcare.
- Please look at the Congressional Data on the impact on subsidies on health care coverage.
- Please consider models in Switzerland, Germany and Canada. The problem we really are dealing with are insurers & their stockholders.
- Please look the literature on what Massachusetts is dealing with after one year into the connector

5. Meeting Adjourned