

**PERC Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 24, 2009,  
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Place: EDS

Attending :  
Refer to face sheet listing

**Distribution List: PERC Board, KHPA and EDS**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION AND/OR ACTION</b>
<p><b><u>Review of Minutes &amp; Introductions</u></b></p>	<p>Review of minutes from 2/18/2009</p> <p>Introductions of members and guests.</p>	<p>Susan Wood proposed minor changes in language on behalf of LeAnn Bell. 3 places in paragraph 2 the words will, would and may were changed to could. The committee approved the changes.</p>
<p><b><u>Budget Update</u></b></p>	<p>Dr. Margaret Smith, KHPA recapped the legislative session and discussed the process of balancing the budget. She stated the Indoor Clean air act passed in the Senate but died in the Conference Committee and the tobacco tax increase failed. Most of the session was preoccupied in an attempt to balance the budget. They had a number of decisions and bills to review. They debated a request to give KHPA funding to increase the Children’s Health Insurance Program to 250% of the federal poverty level and that it was actually approved in the last legislative session but no money was appropriated for it. In the 2009 session 1.2 million was appropriated to make that change. This is slated to go forth in January. Dr. Smith clarified that by the time this is implemented, it will be down to 240% of federal poverty level. Legislation was introduced to create a mental health preferred drug list for Medicaid and MediKan and that did not pass.</p> <p>There were other health related bills that were introduced by other health related agencies. Dr. Smith suggested going to the KHPA website to review the updates.</p> <p>Dr. Smith then presented budget information and said with the 3 changes to the budget, KHPA ended up getting about a 15.5 % cut in their administrative budget. Because of the budget, caseload could not be affected due to the stimulus monies. She clarified that caseload meant Access or eligibility could not be affected. Dr. Smith stated the stimulus package did a lot to help the general</p>	

	<p>funds. Dr. Smith indicated the stimulus funds would assist in an increased federal participation match. She said every 40 cents the states spends the feds match 60. With the stimulus, the match went to 62cents. When the unemployment rate went up KHPA's federal match increased to 68 cents.</p> <p>Dr. Smith explained that the Operational budget included funding supporting the EDS contract, KHPA's contractor for claims payment and processing as well as the clearinghouse which processes eligibility determination. As a result KHPA had to reduce the EDS budget as well as the administrative budget reductions experienced by KHPA. She said they did not cut the clearinghouse and asked for additional money for the clearinghouse due to an increase in Medicaid applications because of the financial crisis. They did not get the increase. Dr. Smith acknowledges the processing of applications is getting somewhat behind. She explained there is a 45 day window in order to be compliant and usually it can take up to 20 days to process an application. Dr. Smith said it is now taking up to 30 days. At last count there were about 11,000 applications waiting to be processed. Dr. Smith stated there have not been any issues in delaying claim payments to providers and KHPA is working very hard to keep the application process within the 45 day window.</p> <p>Dr. Smith stated that as a result of the cuts KHPA had to lay off 14 staff positions. One of the staff persons affected was within her team. Dr Smith said she did not know exactly where the cuts to the EDS contract would be but that KHPA will have fewer people to answer phones and assist providers. They are working with the provider associations to find out ways to improve keeping their customer service level at an appropriate and acceptable level to physicians and other providers. She said they will have to be creative in using e-mail and having FAQ's to assist persons. Dr Smith stated that as a result of a hiring freeze KHPA had 28 vacant positions that were not filled and then the additional 14 layoffs.</p> <p>Dr. Smith educated the committee that at the end of May 2009 Marci Nielsen resigned and Andy Allsion was named the acting Executive Director. At the June16-17 meeting the board voted to name Andy Allison the Executive Director pending Senate Confirmation. Barb Langer who was KHPA Policy Director is the acting Medicaid Director. As a result of the changes, the Executive Team which consisted of 5 people is permanently down to 4 persons.</p>	
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<p><b><u>Pharmacy Program-fingertip formulary access, on-line formulary. Auto PA update</u></b></p>	<p>Susan Wood provided handouts to the committee. She stated that there had been previous discussion about placing the KHPA FFS drug formulary on Hippocrates. Due to the budget that did not happen and will not be occur in the near future. There is a fingertip formulary with free participation that the state has engaged with. Susan showed the committee via the web and walked them through the process explaining that KHPA is still working through some issues such as the site listing -drugs as being tiered. KHPA does not base co-pay in this manner. It was discussed explained that this could be a cumbersome process.</p> <p>Susan also displayed the current KHPA website and educated the group as to how to access drug information and coverage as well as procedure codes and coverage information.</p> <p>There was discussion within the group after review of the fingertip formulary, asking if it would ever be possible to combine the MCO's formularies for easy access or create links to other insurance company's drug formularies.</p> <p>Susan announced that the Auto PA process has been very successful since implemented on 4/1/2009 and has decreased phone calls to the PA unit by approximately 50%.</p>	
<p><b><u>Miscellaneous 2009 schedule adjustment for DUR</u></b></p>	<p>The October 21, 2009 meeting will be combined with the DUR meeting for fall.</p> <p>The December 2009 meeting will be held on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Changed from Wed. December 16, 2009</p>	<p>Jan will send the PERC Committee a revised schedule</p>
<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2009.</u></b> Please contact Susan Wood for agenda items and questions at (785) 368-6300. Contact Jan Provost at (785) 274-4213 if you have any questions regarding these minutes.</p>	

**PEER EDUCATION AND RESOURCE COUNCIL (PERC)**

**MEETING MINUTES ATTENDANCE**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2009  
EDS/Forbes Field, Topeka, KS**

**PERC Board:**

Pamela Shaw, MD-Chair  
**Jeff Pierce, Pharm D**  
**Brandan Kennedy MD**  
Susan Laudert MD

**Sallie Page-Goertz, ARNP**  
**Donna Sweet MD**  
**Eric Atwood DO**

**KHPA:**

**Brenda Kuder, KHPA**  
**Tamara Demmitt, KHPA**  
**Margaret Smith, MD, KHPA**  
**Tracy Conklin, KHPA**

**Susan Wood RN, BSN, Managed  
Care**  
**Janelle Garrison, RN BSN, Managed  
Care**

**EDS:**

**Jan Provost, Quality Assurance  
Supervisor**

\*Non bolded names were not in  
attendance