

KHPA Provider Advisory Council Meeting  
August 15, 2007, LSOB, Topeka KS  
Minutes

**KHPA Provider Advisory Council Members Present:**

- Janet Williams, Chair
- Susan Bumstead
- Tony Wellever
- Dr. Kevin Hoppock – via teleconference
- David Johnson
- Terry Lambert
- William Mahoney
- Randy Peterson – via teleconference
- Elaine Schwartz
- Peter Stern
- Linda Wright

**KHPA Provider Advisory Council Members Unable to Attend:**

- Brandon Smith Ziph
- Dr. K. Allen A. Greiner
- Dr. Richard Meidinger
- Dr. Bert Oettmeier

**KHPA Staff Participants:**

- Dr. Barbara Langner, Consultant
- Janis DeBoer, Advisory Council Manager

**Welcome by Janet Williams, Provider Advisory Council Chair**

Chair Williams opened the meeting, welcomed members, the public, and KHPA staff. The agenda was reviewed along with handouts. The purpose of the meeting was for Council members to review and finalize interim recommendations regarding health reform policies which will be presented to the KHPA Board by the Council Chair's designee (William Mahoney) on Monday, August 20. The interim report health reform recommendations are attached.

Provider Council members provided additional feedback regarding health reform efforts in Kansas throughout the meeting. Specifically, the group emphasized the expansion of Medicaid eligibility as a viable health reform option that should be considered by the KHPA Board, in addition to health insurance reform.

Agency Website: [www.khpa.ks.gov](http://www.khpa.ks.gov)  
Address: Rm. 900-N, Landon Building, 900 SW Jackson Street, Topeka, KS 66612-1220

Medicaid and HealthWave:  
Phone: 785-296-3981  
Fax: 785-296-4813

State Employee Health  
Benefits and Plan Purchasing:  
Phone: 785-296-6280  
Fax: 785-368-7180

State Self Insurance Fund:  
Phone: 785-296-2364  
Fax: 785-296-6995

## **Next Steps**

- The Advisory Council grid will be used to prioritize the issues that the council will consider for health reform, focusing first on health insurance reform options, as identified by SB 11 (June meeting).
- Other health reform options, such as those developed in collaboration with other agencies, will be considered subsequent to the health insurance reforms (July meeting).
- Advisory councils will begin to “fill in the grid,” identifying the advantages and disadvantages of various health reform options (August meeting).
- The KHPA Board and Health for All Kansans Steering Committee will then use the grid to inform their development of health reform options (August meetings).
- The development of health reform options will be iterative, in that the Board and Health for All Kansans steering committee will direct/provide feedback to the Advisory Councils as they consider reform options (September meetings).
- Independent consultants and KHPA staff will analyze various reform options in order to identify the economic costs (to consumers, to business, to state government, to federal government) as well as to identify the number of individuals who will get access to health care under each reform option (September meeting).
- The Joint Oversight Committee for the KHPA will be apprised/consulted on health reform options (September meeting).
- The KHPA Board will present the final health reform options to the legislature (KHPA Oversight Committee and legislative leadership) and Governor on November 1 2007.

## **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 1:30 – 3:30 at the LSOB, 9<sup>th</sup> & Jackson, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, #106 conference room.