

KHPA Provider Advisory Council Meeting
September 12, 2007, LSOB, Topeka KS
Minutes – Final Health Policy Recommendations Report attached

KHPA Provider Advisory Council Members Present:

- Janet Williams, Chair
- Brandon Smith-Ziph
- Tony Wellever
- Dr. Kevin Hoppock – via teleconference
- David Johnson
- William Mahoney
- Dr. Richard Meidinger
- Randy Peterson
- Peter Stern
- Linda Wright

KHPA Provider Advisory Council Members Unable to Attend:

- Susan Bumstead
- Dr. K. Allen A. Greiner
- Terry Lambert
- Dr. Bert Oettmeier
- Elaine Schwartz

KHPA Board Members Present:

- Connie Hubbell, Board Chair

KHPA Staff Participants:

- Dr. Marci Nielsen, Executive Director
- Dr. Andy Allison, Deputy Director
- 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. Today's meeting was the last scheduled meeting of the Advisory Council until the legislature convenes in January. The purpose of the meeting was to review the health policy recommendations presented to the KHPA Board on August 20 and finalize the report.

Chair Williams asked William Mahoney to share his perspective on the Board member's responses to the interim report recommendations from the August 20 meeting (Mr. Mahoney served as Chair Williams')

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designee). Mr. Mahoney reported that the overall message, from a provider perspective, was to “keep things simple.” Chair Williams then asked the group if changes or modifications were needed to the interim report. After much discussion, the group agreed they wanted to add a recommendation to the final report to include Medicaid expansion as a viable health reform option. The changes were made to the report (see attached).

Overview of Health Reform Models – Dr. Barb Langner

Dr. Barb Langner provided an overview of the independent economic analysis that was prepared by the consultant group Schramm-Raleigh Health Strategy. The analysis was presented to the KHPA Board on August 21 by Mr. Steve Schramm.

Dr. Langner reviewed the scenarios being modeled. The power point presentation begins with a baseline analysis and includes three scenarios: reference scenario, affordable coverage scenario, and universal coverage scenario. Dr. Langner explained that more extensive modeling will be presented to Board members at the September 25 meeting by Mr. Schramm and two additional scenarios will be included: sequential scenario and “mountain” scenario. The sequential scenario analysis will study the impact of health insurance coverage for children under the age of 19; additional adults through premium assistance; and assistance to small businesses. The mountain scenario analysis will study the impact of direct purchasing of health care services by the state. More detailed analysis surrounding these two additional scenarios, along with the three scenarios noted earlier, will be provided at the September 25 Board meeting.

Next Steps – Dr. Marci Nielsen

Dr. Nielsen provided an update on the next steps regarding health reform in Kansas. As noted earlier, the KHPA Board will meet on September 25. Final Advisory Council recommendations will be given to the Board at that time. Additional scenario modeling will be presented to the Board on September 25 by Mr. Schramm. Decision points regarding health reform options will be refined by Board members at the September meeting. Members of the Health for All Kansans Steering Committee, along with Dr. Langner, will participate in the RWJ State Coverage Institute meeting in Chicago on September 26, 27, and 28. At the October 16 KHPA Board meeting, decisions will be made regarding health reform options. The KHPA Board will present Kansas-specific health reform options to the Governor and legislature (KHPA Oversight Committee and legislative leadership) on November 1 2007.

Dr. Nielsen thanked the members for their participation on the Advisory Council and assured the group that the KHPA will keep them informed of health reform activities as they happen. Dr. Nielsen indicated she expects the Advisory Councils to reconvene sometime during the legislative session.

Meeting Adjourned