

KHPA Purchaser Advisory Council Meeting
August 8, LSOB 9th Floor Conf Rm, Topeka KS
Minutes -Interim Report Recommendations Attached

KHPA Purchaser Advisory Council Members Present

- Jane Chandler Holt – Chair
- Brad Clothier – via teleconference
- Andrew Corbin
- Ken Daniel
- Bob Finuf – Dr. Liz Peterson (substitute)
- Tresia Franklin
- Valerie Keller
- Gregg LeMaster
- Jeff Levin
- John Naramore
- Linda Steinke
- Dr. Marla Tobin
- Keith Wisdom

KHPA Purchaser Advisory Council Members Unable to Attend

- Bill Bruning
- David Knocke

KHPA Staff Participants:

- Dr. Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director
- Dr. Barb Langner, Consultant
- Janis DeBoer, Advisory Council Manager

Welcome by Jane Chandler Holt, Purchaser Advisory Council Chair

Chair Holt opened the meeting, welcomed members, the public, and KHPA staff. The agenda was reviewed along with handouts. The purpose of 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 on Monday, August 20. The interim report health reform recommendations are attached.

Council members at the end of the meeting provided additional feedback and input regarding other health reform options as follows: 1) review health reform changes recently passed in Missouri, 2) review rural health clinic models and determine if components could be replicated in other areas of the health care delivery system, 3) establish mentoring programs to attract health professionals to small rural areas in Kansas, 4) review the successes of telehealth, 5) find ways to increase access points in rural Kansas, 6) review the Business Health Partnership plan, 7) review the high risk pool options.

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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 5, 1:30 – 3:30 at the LSOB, 9th & Jackson, 9th floor, Conference rooms 9E/9F.