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Advisory Councils to Kansas Health Policy Authority Board will work to improve health of Kansans

KHPA Board seeks individuals for membership on Advisory Councils

Tasked with developing and maintaining a coordinated health policy agenda that incorporates effective purchasing and administration with health promotion strategies, the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) Board is seeking individuals to advise the Board on issues of policy reform and health transformation.

“We recognize the importance of working with our stakeholders as we develop and maintain a health policy agenda,” said Connie Hubbell, chairperson of the KHPA Board. “Partnership is vital to the success of the Board and the agency. We are seeking individuals to serve on three Advisory Councils, and they will provide significant input in the interests of all individuals who are impacted by the work we do.”

The KHPA Board is asking for nominations for qualified individuals to serve on the following three Advisory Councils. Each council, which will include no more than 11 to 15 members, will be given specific direction from the Board.

- **Consumer Council.** The Consumer Council will provide guidance on issues relevant to consumers, specifically health care access, quality, affordability, sustainability, and health promotion. They will also provide recommendations on health policies that the Board is reviewing to reflect consumer concerns and questions. Members of this council will include individuals across Kansas who represent various consumer interests.
- **Provider Council.** The Provider Council, comprised of individuals who represent various health care professional interests, will provide guidance on issues pertinent to health care providers. They will give input on health policy that impacts providers and patients, make recommendations on outreach to the provider and the medical communities, and encourage provider participation in public programs.
- **Purchaser Council.** The Purchaser Council will represent various health and health care purchaser interests. They will be responsible for providing significant input on health policy that impacts employers, health insurers, and other purchasers of health and health care services.

All nominations for a council membership can be sent to the Kansas Health Policy Authority by January 17, 2007 at the following address:

Attn: Director of Communications

Agency Website: 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

Kansas Health Policy Authority
Landon Building, Rm. 900-N
900 SW Jackson Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Please include a letter of nomination and/or resume with the nominee's education background and job experience, and it would be helpful if nominations include the nominee's knowledge of health and health care.

Membership will be determined during the months of January and February, 2007 by the KHPA Board and staff. Each council will begin meeting in March of 2007.

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