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## **KHPA Small Business Stakeholder Meeting**

November 17, 2008, Landon Office Building, Topeka Kansas

Minutes

### **KHPA Staff Participants**

Dr. Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director

Dr. Barb Langner, Policy Director

Effie Swanson, Legislative Research Assistant

### **Facilitating**

Steve Schramm, Schrammraleigh, LLC, Consultant to the Kansas Health Policy Authority

### **Welcome and Introductions, Dr. Barb Langner**

- Dr. Langner opened the meeting and welcomed participants. The purpose of the meeting is to review the small business health insurance modeling completed by schramm-raleigh and solicit feedback from stakeholders before these models are presented to the KHPA Board.

### **Review of Small Business Health Insurance Modeling, Steve Schramm**

- Mr. Schramm began the overview with a background section on health insurance principles and the health insurance market in Kansas. The adult insurance market in Kansas can be divided into four components: individual, small employer, large employer and publicly sponsored insurance. The regulation of Kansas insurance could be considered at a mid-level compared to other states. Reforms for the small employer marketplace normally fall into the regulation, affordability, plan design or education and outreach categories. Schramm-raleigh completed modeling on a number of reforms discussed by the stakeholder group in previous meetings and this modeling was presented and discussed at length. The reform models included using Section 125 plans, the Business Health Partnership, reinsurance, mini-med plans, and targeted programs for young adults.
- The modeling and recommendations of the group will be presented to the KHPA Board at their November 18 meeting.

### **Adjournment of the Meeting**

- The meeting was adjourned.

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