

KHPA Consumer Advisory Council Meeting
August 17, 2007, Eisenhower Bldg, Topeka KS
Minutes

KHPA Consumer Advisory Council Members Present:

- Peggy Johnson, Chair
- Al Penner
- Deanne Bacco
- Tim Davis
- Corrie Edwards
- Rocky Nichols (via teleconference) – Ed Rucker (substitute)
- Teresa Schwab – via teleconference
- Nancy Soeken – via teleconference
- Dinell Stuckey
- Maury Thompson
- David Wilson

KHPA Consumer Advisory Council Members Unable to Attend:

- Jane Adams
- Theola Cooper
- Shannon Jones
- Bruce Linhos

KHPA Staff Participants:

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

Welcome by Peggy Johnson, Consumer Advisory Council Vice Chair

Chair Johnson 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 on Monday, August 20. The interim report health reform recommendations are attached.

Council members at the end of the meeting provided additional concerns regarding health reform efforts as follows: funding for health reform could result in decrease funding to Medicaid programs; shifts in funding by “robbing Peter to pay Paul” could be the outcome. Clarification was provided by Dr. Langner that health reform efforts in Kansas must reflect new money.

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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: Friday, September 7, 10:00 – 12:00, Eisenhower Building, 4th floor conference room