

HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, called the Health Care Access Commission to order at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, in Room 15 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Sen. Berglin, Co-Chair
Sen. Koering
Sen. Lourey
Sen. Marty

Rep. Huntley, Co-Chair
Rep. Abeler
Rep. Gottwalt
Rep. Murphy
Rep. Thissen

Member Absent:

Sen. Rosen

Other Members Present:

Sen. Lynch
Sen. Prettner Solon
Sen. Sheran

Rep. Liebling
Rep. Loeffler

A quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was the appointment of the following work groups to the Health Care Access Commission. Representative Huntley moved adoption of the work groups:

COMMISSION WORKING GROUPS

1. Working groups will update the full Commission on their progress regularly.
2. Working groups will each submit recommendations on their respective topics for consideration by the full Commission.
3. The Commission Co-Chairs will appoint working group co-chairs and members through an application process.
4. Each working group will include a combination of legislators and private or non-profit sector advocates with expertise or interest in that area.
5. The Commission Co-Chairs will outline the scope for each working group and assign a deadline for final recommendations to be submitted to the Commission.

6. Working groups include:
- o Health Insurance Exchange
 - o Payment Reform
 - o Small Group Insurance Market
 - o Work Force Shortage

HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

Legislative Members:

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair
Senator Julie Rosen, Chair
Senator Linda Scheid
Senator Mary Olson

Representative Paul Thissen, Chair
Representative Erin Murphy
Representative Steve Gottwalt
Representative Diane Loeffler
Representative Tom Huntley
Representative Mike Obermueller

Public Members:

Brian Rotty, Executive Director, Mayo Clinic Health Solutions
Cecilla Retelle, Manager, Education and Health Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Cheryl Froland, Channel Management Executive, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
Dannette Coleman, Vice President and General Manager, Individual Business, Medica
Dave Dzuik, Chief Financial Officer, HealthPartners
David Knutson, Co-Director, Center for Care Organization Research & Development, University of Minnesota
Debra Holmgren, President, Portico Healthnet
Greg Dattilo, Legislative Chair, Minnesota Association of Health Underwriters
Jean Abraham, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Division of Health Policy and Management
Jeanne Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, United Family Medicine
Lynn Blewett, Director, State Health Access Data Assistance Center
Maureen O'Connell, Advocacy Director, Legal Services Advocacy Project
Michael Allen, Chief Financial Officer, Winona Health
Peter Nelson, Policy Fellow, Center for the American Experiment
Phillip Cryan, Organizing Director, SEIU Health Care MN
Roger Kathol, President, Cartesian Solutions Inc.

Staff:

Senate Counsel: Katie Cavanor/Chris Stang
House Research: Tom Pender
Shannon Cunningham, Kate Perushek

HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

Scope: To investigate possible funding and options available to states for studying and operating exchanges.

- Determine how many exchanges are appropriate for Minnesota.
 - a. Should we have one for small businesses and one for individuals?
 - b. Should we have one for everyone?
- Decide who should operate the exchange
 - a. State agency?
 - b. Private/public non profit?
- Report on ways which ongoing operating costs could be paid
- Determine the scope of products
 - a. Should we include all products or a limited scope?
 - b. Should different products be available for different exchanges?
- Determine whether it is best to create our own exchange or participate with a multi state group
- Decide if plan subsidization is needed
 - a. Should we do a coverage wrap around?
 - b. Should we subsidize further than the Federal Government does?
- Assess the best time to start an exchange
 - a. Should we start it before the mandated time of 2014?
 - b. Are subsidies available to start earlier?
- Determine if other studies have information on exchanges that would be helpful

PAYMENT REFORM

Legislative Members

Senator Tony Lourey, Chair
Senator Rick Olseen
Senator David Senjem
Senator Linda Higgins
Senator Kathy Sheran
Representative Tom Huntley, Chair
Representative Jim Abeler
Representative Maria Ruud
Representative Julie Bunn
Representative Matt Dean

Public Members:

Anne Edwards, Chair of Pediatrics, Park Nicollet Health Services
Charlie Fazio, Chief Medical Officer & Senior Vice President, Medica
Cindy Morrison, Vice President of Health Policy, Sanford Health
Daniel L. Svendsen, Executive Director, Generations Health Care Initiatives, Inc.
David Abelson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Park Nicollet Health Services
Don Jacobs, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hennepin Faculty Associates
Douglas Wood, Chair, Division of Health Care Policy, Mayo Clinic
George Schoephoerster, Geriatrician, Geriatric Services of Minnesota
Heidi Holste, Associate State Director of Advocacy, AARP
James Wuellner, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, St. Luke's Hospital of Duluth
Jim Przybilla, Chief Executive Officer, PrimeWest Health
Jim Reimann, President, Physician Advocates of Minnesota
Jonathan Watson, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers
Julie Sonier, Deputy Director, State Health Access Data Assistance Center
Lisa Fink, Staff Attorney, Legal Services Advocacy Project
Meg Hasbrouck, Vice President, Payer Relations and Contracting, Allina Hospitals and Clinics
Michael Scandrett, President LPaC Alliance, Minnesota Safety Net Coalition
Terry Carroll, Senior Vice President, Transformation and CIO, Fairview Health Services

Staff:

Senate Counsel: Katie Cavanor & Joan White
House Research: Randall Chun
Dan Pollock, Patricia Rooney

PAYMENT REFORM

Scope: To explore payment reform options for Minnesota.

- Investigate waivers or pilot programs for payment reform
- Determine what Minnesota can do beyond federal payment reform
- Explore whether the rule allowing for only one Medicaid pilot project per area will apply to this and if waivers are possible
- Decide whether the advanced primary care pilot or other pilots are best for Minnesota

WORK FORCE SHORTAGE

Legislative Members:

Senator Ann Lynch, Chair
Senator Sharon Erickson-Ropes
Senator David Tomassoni
Representative Tina Liebling, Chair
Representative Patti Fritz
Representative Jeff Hayden

Public Members:

Ann C.F. Olson, Associate Professor & Certified Nurse Practitioner, Winona State University-Rochester Health Services
Bruce Nelson, Chief Executive Officer, ARRM
Deb Tauer, President, Minnesota Licensed Practical Nurses Association
Heather Bidinger, Founding PA Program Director, St. Catherine University
Jon Marchand, Programs Administrator, Greater Minnesota Family Services
Laura Beeth, System Director Talent Acquisition, Fairview Health Services
Linda Slattengren, Past President, Minnesota Nurses Association
Macaran Baird, Professor and Head of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School
Mary Alice Mowry, Director, Pathways to Employment & Manager of Disability Services, DHS
Mary L. Chesney, Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, University of Minnesota School of Nursing
Mary Rosenthal, Director, Health Care Reform, SEIU Health Care MN
Meghan M. Goldammer, Health Policy Analyst, Sanford Health Plan
Phil Kibort, Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Children's Hospitals and Clinics
Randy Rice, Physician & Partner, Gateway Family Health Clinic
Robert Lohr, Medical Director, Mayo Health System
Sheila Riggs, Chair, Department of Primary Dental Care, University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
Shelley Vogt, RN, BSN, PHN, Sound Objective Solutions LLC & Good Samaritan Society
Trisha Stark, Director of Professional Affairs, Minnesota Psychological Association
Troy Taubenheim, Executive Director, Metro Minnesota Council on Graduate Medical Education

Staff:

Senate Counsel: Dave Giel
House Research: Emily Cleveland
Tasha Truskolaski, Dan Pollock

WORK FORCE SHORTAGE

Scope: To thoroughly review issues and solutions for health care work force shortage in Minnesota.

- Identify current and anticipated health care workforce shortages, by both provider type and geography
- Evaluate the effectiveness of incentives currently available to develop, attract, and retain a highly skilled health care workforce
- Study alternative incentives to develop, attract, and retain a highly skilled health care workforce and recommend whether to replace, enhance, or supplement current incentives with new ideas, including payment reform

SMALL GROUP INSURANCE MARKET

Legislative Members:

Senator Linda Scheid, Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator David H. Senjem, Minority Leader
Representative Diane Loeffler, Assistant Majority Leader
Representative Denny McNamara

Public Members:

John Gross , Director of Health Policy, Department of Commerce
Nancy Nelson , Vice President and Chief Actuary, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (BCBSM)
Joe Pupkes, Vice President of Underwriting & Product Development, Preferred One
Greg Dattilo, Dattilo Consulting, Inc.
Tom Aslesen, Accord Benefit Resources, Inc
Joseph Lotus, Director of Government Relations, Assurant, Inc.
John Sjoberg, Controller, Shaw-Lundquist, LLC
Mike Hickey, NFIB/Minnesota State Director, National Federation of Independent Businesses – Minnesota
Sandra King, Vice President Operations, West Central Initiative
Charles Terry, Terry's Hardware, Inc
Julie Pawlowski, Director of Human Resources, Command Tooling Systems
Alex Neutgens, Director of Finance, IMAGO North America (ADDCO is now IMAGO)
William Gullickson, CEO of MGK
Suzette Frith, Human Resources Manager, TSE, Inc.
Terese Pilaczynski, Director of Human Resources, Lancet Software Development
Scott Walker, Carpenters Union Member, St. Paul Linoleum and Carpet Company

Staff:

Admin: John E. Gross , Director, Health Care Policy, Department of Commerce
Sherri L. Mortensen Brown, State Program Administrator Principal, Department of Commerce

SMALL GROUP INSURANCE MARKET

Scope: To study and report on the options available to increase rate predictability and stability for groups of 100 or fewer employees.

- Analyze implementation options in expanding the small group definition to 100 employees
- Research underwriting concerns and rating requirements and the implications of change in small group market size on the entire health insurance market, and limitations on renewal, enrollment methodologies, and processes
- Study costs for employers, employees, brokers, and health plans
- Determine how to assist employers in understanding the implications of employers migrating from fully insured to self-insured and associated risks
- Create a uniform application form
- Research education and compliance issues related to the offering of Section 125 plans under Minnesota Statutes, section 62U.07

Assure compliance with federal law, including expeditious implementation of federal health care reform requirements

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the Work Groups were appointed.

The next item on the agenda was an overview of Affordable Care Grant Acts given by:

1. Dr. Jeff Schiff, Medical Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services.
2. Barb Juelich, Chief Financial Officer, Minnesota Department of Health.

The next item on the agenda was an update and discussion of Minnesota's Project FMAP Funds which was passed by Congress recently. The following persons gave a presentation:

1. Dennis Albrecht, Fiscal Analyst, Minnesota Senate.
2. Dr. Jeff Schiff, Medical Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

The final item on the agenda was an update from the Small Group Insurance Market Working Group as follows:

John E. Gross, Director, Health Care Policy, Department of Commerce.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.