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Wednesday, October 19, 2005

State Planning Project for the Uninsured Advisory Council Meeting

Michigan Manufacturers Association
620 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48901

Members Present: Vernice Davis Anthony, Greater Detroit Area Health Council; Elaine Beane, Center for Advancing Community Health (ex-officio member); Jan Christensen, MDCH; Paul Duguay, Michigan Association of Health Plans; Rob Fowler, Small Business Association of Michigan; Steve Gools, AARP of Michigan; Mary Ellen Howard, Free Clinics of Michigan; Jan Hudson, Michigan League for Human Services; Stacie Kucera, Access to Care Community Coalition; Marjorie Mitchell, Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network; Kevin Seitz, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Kim Sibilsky, Michigan Primary Care Association; Kimberly Singh, Michigan Association for Local Public Health; Stephen Skorcz, Greater Flint Health Coalition; Hollis Turnham, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute (ex-officio member); Sebastian Wade, Detroit Regional Chamber

Alternates Present: Mark Bertler, Michigan Association for Local Public Health; Brian Broderick, Economic Alliance; Sarah Fink, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; John Freeman, SEIU Local # 79; David Green, Michigan Universal Health Care Action Network; Sandy Hudson, Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority; Joan Moiles, Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth; Dennis Paradis, Michigan Osteopathic Association; Ed Wolking, Jr., Detroit Regional Chamber; Lynda Zeller, Alliance for Health; Jane Zwiers, Free Clinics of Michigan

Others Present: Sheryl Lowe, BCBSM; Shoma Pal, BCBSM; Lisa Rajt, BCBSM; Tyffany Shadd-Coleman, BCBSM; Marti Kay Sherry, Michigan Public Health Institute; Pooja Naik, Michigan State Medical Society; Chris Wojik, Michigan Public Health Institute

MDCH Staff: William Hart, Lonnie Barnett, Ellen Speckman-Randall, Ken Miller, Angela Awrey, Traci Wightman, Sherryn Hays

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Co-chairpersons Jan Christensen and Kevin Seitz called the meeting to order. Kevin Seitz welcomed attendees. Introductions were made around the room.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. **Approval of August 22nd Minutes:** Stephen Skorcz requested that individuals, alternates, and their organizations be reflected in the minutes. It was suggested that alternates who are attending the meeting indicate that status on the sign-in sheet. The minutes were approved by consensus.
- IV. **Reports from Workgroups:**
 - a. Data Synthesis Workgroup
 - i. Update from Workgroup Facilitator: Elaine Beane indicated that a report from the workgroup was included in the Advisory Council meeting packet. The workgroup has been reviewing the responsibilities of their group as well as comments from Eileen Ellis' presentation at the August 22nd Advisory Council Meeting. Anyone who has ideas about how to enhance participation in the employer survey should contact Elaine or Irma Lopez. There were 12,000 employer surveys mailed with only 1,106 responses received to date. Ideally MPHI would like to see about 3,200 responses, but are hoping for a minimum of 2,000. Marti Kay Sherry indicated that she would send out replacement

surveys for those who are interested. Follow-up telephone calls are being made to employers who had not yet responded. Sometimes an employer has been contacted multiple times. Rob Fowler, Small Business Association of Michigan and Ed Wolking, Jr., Detroit Regional Chamber indicated to Elaine that they could share the reports produced from their surveys though these data were gathered a couple of years ago.

Elaine has been working with Marti Kay Sherry on the report for the household survey. The data collection stage for that survey is complete. Both the household survey and the employer survey tools are on the website at www.michigan.gov/spg.

ii. Presentation: Michigan Household Health Insurance Survey. Marti Kay Sherry and Chris Wojik from Michigan Public Health Institute presented the preliminary data that they have collected from the household survey. Brief discussion took place during the presentation. The survey response period was over August 27, 2005. They are still analyzing data.

b. Community Interface Workgroup

- i. Update from Workgroup: Ellen Speckman-Randall presented an update for the facilitator Vondie Woodbury. Ellen indicated that a report from the workgroup was in the Advisory Council meeting packet.
- ii. Highlights: Michigan's Health Care Listening Tour: There are 10 scheduled town hall meetings. Townhall meetings in Gaylord, Detroit, and Flint have already taken place. Each town hall meeting has been successful. Ellen encouraged the Advisory Council members to join the meetings to show Michigan citizens their interest in addressing the issue of uninsured citizens. Any Advisory Council member who would like to attend a town hall meeting should contact Ellen at SpeckmanE@michigan.gov. The schedule for the town hall meetings is online at www.michigan.gov/spg.

c. Models Development Workgroup

- i. Update from Workgroup Facilitator: Hollis Turnham presented an update on the Models Development workgroup. The workgroup has had 6 meetings since August. They meet every other Wednesday from 1pm-4pm at AARP of Michigan. There are over 100 people on the workgroup email list. The workgroup is divided into 5 subgroups; Pooling/Insurance Reform, Medicaid/SCHIP Expansion, Basic Benefit, Subpopulation Coverage, and Universal Coverage.
- ii. Discussion/Feedback for Workgroup: Hollis Turnham encouraged the Advisory Council members to attend the next meeting, which is October 26th from 1pm-4pm.

V. **Public Comment:** None

VI. **Other Business/Meeting Evaluation:** Kevin Seitz asked that the members fill out the evaluation that was included in the Advisory Council packet.

VII. **Adjourn:** The Advisory Council meeting adjourned at 2pm

Next Meeting: December 5, 2005, 1pm at Michigan Manufacturers Association.