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Wednesday, August 16, 2006

State Planning Project for the Uninsured Advisory Council Meeting

Michigan Manufacturers Association

620 S. Capitol Avenue

Lansing, Michigan 48933

Members Present: Elaine Beane, Michigan Public Health Institute (ex-officio member); Jan Christensen, MDCH; Rob Fowler, Small Business Association of Michigan; Mary Ellen Howard, Free Clinics of Michigan; Spencer Johnson, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; Jan Hudson, Michigan League for Human Services; Kevin Kelly, Michigan State Medical Society; Marjorie Mitchell, MI Universal Health Care Action Network; Joan Moiles, Department of Labor and Economic Growth; Colette Scrimger, Access to Healthcare Coalition; Kevin Seitz, BCBSM; Kimberly Singh, Michigan Association for Local Public Health; Sebastian Wade, Detroit Regional Chamber; Pam Yager, Governor's Office; Lody Zwarenstyn, Alliance for Health

Alternates Present: Mark Bertler, Michigan of Local Public Health; Sandy Hudson, Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority for Chris Allen; Bob Parks, School-Community Health Alliance for Deb Brinson; Pooja Naik, Michigan State Medical Society; Dennis Paradise, Michigan Osteopathic Association for Susan Sevensma; Hollis Turnham for Steve Gools at AARP of Michigan; Lynda Zeller, Kent Health Plan; Jane Zwiers, Free Clinics of Michigan

Members Absent: Vernice Davis Anthony, Greater Detroit Area Health Council; William Black, Michigan Teamsters joint Council # 43;; Paul Duguay, Michigan Association of Health Plans; Marge Faville, SEIU Local 79; Denise Holmes, Michigan State University; Tim McGuire, Michigan Association of Counties; Amy Shaw, Michigan Manufacturers Association; Kim Sibilsky, Michigan Primary Care Association; Stephen Skorcz, Greater Flint Health Coalition

Others Present: Rebecca Cienki; Eileen Ellis, Health Management Associates; Sheryl Lowe, BCBSM; Del Malloch, Jackson Health Plan Corp-3-Share; Dick Miller, MDCH; Michelle Munson-McCorry, Complete Compassionate Care; Richard Miles; Cherie Mollison, MDCH; Sue Moran, MDCH; Catherine Neill; Janet Olszewski, MDCH; Gary Packingham, Muskegon Access Health; Rick Nowakowski, Wayne County Four Star; Valerie Przywara, Henry Ford Health System; Chris Ribant; Vic Sztengel, Wexford Mercy PHO; Don VeCasey, MCHCC; Fran Wallace, DLEG; Leah Wawro, Governor's Office; Carolyn Weiner, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Liz Wiley; Susan Yontz, MDCH

MDCH Staff: Umbrin Ateequi, Angela Awrey, Lonnie Barnett, Bill Hart, Ken Miller, Ellen Speckman-Randall

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Kevin Seitz called the meeting to order. Introductions were made around the room.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from June 19th:** The minutes were approved by consensus.
- IV. **Update on Michigan First Health Care Plan:** Sue Moran Medicaid Director from Medical Services Administration provided an update on the Michigan First Health Care Plan. Jackie Philip and Dick Miles were also in attendance from MSU, as was Pam Yager from the Governor's office.

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The first stakeholder meeting was held with the Advisory Council in June. MSA will continue to have conversations about Michigan First with various stakeholders through October.

MSA is continuing its dialogue with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. Staff is looking at what other states have done and is identifying key issues so once the waiver is sent to CMS, it can be approved without further dialogue. One requirement is that the waiver must not cost the feds more than the current program does and that makes it more challenging.

MSA is working with CMS on benefit design. The basic package will include primary and preventive care, inpatient and pharmacy benefits. Staff is focusing on the subsidized population, which is below 200% of poverty, as well as information technology.. There is also a desire to include incentives for healthy behaviors in the benefit design. Key decision makers have not yet determined the cost/participant/month that will be included in the plan; it must be affordable, but as comprehensive as possible.

MSA is accepting comments on marketing issues, but is not yet actively pursuing policy relative to that aspect of Michigan First. They will, however, begin such discussions next week. The state wants to keep everyone apprized of the progress of this project and get as much input as possible.

The implementation date is still anticipated to be April 2007 so staff hopes to have a formalized package at the end of this year, for submission in November or December. Legislative changes that may be needed to implement Michigan First are also a concern. The state is hoping for quick approval, but CMS has no deadlines for the approval process.

Relative to funding Michigan First, there is a range of available funds depending on how discussions with CMS go.

It was noted that insurance agents can hurt or help the process of getting people enrolled in Michigan First. SBAM would like to work with MSA on this issue to insure that insurance agents facilitate the uptake of Michigan First. The target provider group is HMOs, where the children of eligible individuals are currently being served. There will also be a role for FQHCs and the state will have contracts with various providers. Michigan First will be a private insurance plan, so hopefully private physicians and all other parts of the health care delivery system will participate.

- V. **Update from the Successor Council Workgroup:** Rob Fowler presented an update on the Successor Council Workgroup. Handouts were given at the meeting. The workgroup that developed this report was Larry Horwitz, Rob Fowler, Elaine Beane, Marjorie Mitchell, Spencer Johnson, and Ed Wolking, Jr. The workgroup named the successor council the Michigan Health Insurance Access Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to solve the issues of the uninsured and underinsured.

A motion was made by Lody Zwarenstyn to approve the recommendations of the successor report, Kevin Kelly seconded the motion. Co-chairperson Kevin Seitz indicated that the motion was to proceed ahead as quickly as possible with the formation of this council, to get it effectively established, and leave formation issues to the group, along with any additional volunteers that want to participate. Motion was approved by consensus.

- VI. **Update on SPG Reports:** Lonnie Barnett, MDCH presented a brief update on the SPG Reports. The Household Survey, Employee Survey, Focus Group, and Listening Tour reports were handed out at the meeting. If Advisory Council members need multiple copies they should let staff

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know. Members requested an electronic version that Mr. Barnett indicated would be available very soon on the project's website at www.michigan.gov/spg. The project report will be available in a month or so.

VII. **Member and Project Updates:** None

VIII. **Public Comment:** None

IX. **Other Business/Meeting Evaluation:** None

X. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.