

Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

State Planning Project for the Uninsured Advisory Council Meeting

Michigan Manufacturers Association
620 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Members Present: Elaine Beane, Michigan Public Health Institute (ex-officio member); Debra Brinson, School-Community Health Alliance; Rob Fowler, Small Business Association of Michigan; Larry Horwitz, Economic Alliance; Mary Ellen Howard, Free Clinics of Michigan; Jan Hudson, Michigan League for Human Services; Spencer Johnson, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; Marjorie Mitchell, MI Universal Health Care Action Network; Joan Moiles, Department of Labor and Economic Growth; Colette Scrimger, Access to Care Community Coalition; Kevin Seitz, BCBSM; Amy Shaw, Michigan Manufacturer's Association; Kim Sibilsky, Michigan Primary Care Association; Kimberly Singh, Michigan Association for Local Public Health; Pam Yager, Governor's Office; Lody Zwarenstyn, Alliance for Health

Alternates Present: Sarah Fink, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; Pooja Naik, Michigan State Medical Society for Kevin Kelly; Ed Wolking, Jr., Detroit Regional Chamber for Sebastian Wade; Jane Zwiers, Free Clinics of Michigan

Members Absent: Chris Allen, Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority; William Black, Michigan Teamsters Joint Council #43; Jan Christensen, MDCH; Vernice Davis Anthony, Greater Detroit Area Health Council; Martin Dodge, Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce; Paul Duguay, Michigan Association of Health Plans; Beverley McDonald, Michigan Consumer Health Care Coalition; Susan Sevensma, Michigan Osteopathic Association; Stephen Skorcz, Greater Flint Health Coalition.

Others Present: Greg Cline, Trinity Health; Jackie Doig, Center for Civil Justice; Eileen Ellis, Health Management Associates; Del Malloch, Jackson Health Plan Corp-3-Share; Sheryl Lowe, BCBSM; Michelle Munson-McCorry, Complete Compassionate Care; Robert Meeker, Spectrum Health System; Richard Nowakowski, Wayne County Four Star; Valerie Przywara, Henry Ford Health System; Chris Ribart; Don VeCasey, Michigan Consumer Health Care Coalition; Scott Woods, Priority Health

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

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Co-chairperson Kevin Seitz called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Introductions were made around the room.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from 2/8 and 2/22/06 meetings:** A motion was made by Mary Ellen Howard, seconded by Joan Moiles. The minutes were approved by consensus.
- IV. **Review and Discussion of Actions and Requested Materials from Previous Meeting:**
 - a) Medicaid Expansion Options – Eileen Ellis discussed the handout that was given in the packet. She indicated that there was an error on numbers in the state share on new eligibles and that a corrected version would be distributed.

- b) Update and discussion of Michigan First – Paul Reinhart
Paul Reinhart and Steve Fitton presented the Michigan First Healthcare Plan. Discussion followed presentation. Paul answered questions that the Advisory Council had regarding funds, etc. Ed Wolking, Jr. moved to support the direction of Michigan First and look forward to working with the state on the details of the plan. Rob Fowler seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The Council desires updates as details are available.
- c) Update Green Light Document – (handout): Lonnie Barnett discussed the green light document with the Advisory Council. The issues that are under the green light section that have not yet been approved by a vote of the council were discussed. In the green light list the members agreed that GL #5 should be the preamble to the yellow light section and a part of the charge for the successor body that follows the Advisory Council; GL #6 was approved; GL #7 was eliminated and the earlier motion regarding Michigan First inserted; and GL #8 was approved with the addition of “if possible” before “increased”. Under the yellow light items, it was recommended that YL #2 thru #5 (pertaining to Medicaid) be re-worked and combined to offer a recommendation. New language will be provided by staff at April 19th meeting; for YL #7 (Personal Responsibility) it was suggested to eliminate “on their own” and change “may” to “should be available”. There will be new language at the April 19th meeting. Yellow light #1 (Improve Business Climate) was moved into the green light section.
- d) Concept paper on State Health Council/Partnership (handout): Ellen Speckman-Randall discussed the handout on the recommended health care council. Kevin Seitz suggested three items: 1) focus on making Michigan as cost competitive as possible; 2) have a successor body to the Advisory Council to develop strategies to expand health care coverage; and 3) build consensus and educate the public about issues related to health care costs, financing, delivery, and the health care crisis. Elaine Beane spoke for Deb Brinson requesting that the School-Community Based Health Alliance be included on the membership list on this handout. Marjorie Mitchell, Rob Fowler, and Spencer Johnson agreed to serve on a task group to further develop and clarify the concepts surrounding the on-going health care council.

V. Member and Project Updates/Discussion:

- a) “Recommendations to Reduce the Economic Burden of Providing Employer-Sponsored Health Care Benefits:” Rob Fowler discussed the document provided to the Advisory Council.
- b) Data Synthesis Workgroup (DSWG): Elaine Beane gave a brief overview of the DSWG activities and their efforts related to the safety net.
- c) Michigan First: It was requested that MDCH staff clarify how this Advisory Council will connect with Michigan First.

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Other Business/Meeting Evaluation: Larry Horwitz suggested that the June 21, 2006 Advisory Council Meeting be rescheduled due to a Certificate of Need meeting the same day.

IX. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3pm.