

Medical Care Advisory Council (MCAC)

Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Michigan Public Health Institute
2436 Woodlake Circle
Okemos, MI

Attendees: **Council Members:** Jan Hudson, Priscilla Cheever, Andrew Farmer, William Mayer, Barry Cargill, Tom Kochheiser, Dave Herbel, Warren White, Cheryl Bupp, Robin Reynolds, Marilyn Litka-Klein, Alison Hirschel, Elmer Cerano, Jackie Doig, Kim Sibilsky, Laurie Arora, Tawana Nettles-Robinson, Mike Vizena, Dave Lalumia, Mark Swan, Barb Mastin, Kurt Schlau

Staff: Tim Becker, Dick Miles, Jackie Prokop, Brian Barrie, Cindy Linn, Sarah Slocum

Welcome and Introductions

Jan Hudson opened the meeting and introductions were made. She announced that the meeting will end early so that Council Members may attend the House Michigan Competitiveness Committee meeting, scheduled to hear testimony on the Medicaid Expansion Bill, HB 4714, at 2:30 p.m. today. The agenda previously distributed will not be followed, and the meeting instead will focus on HB 4714 and the MDCH budget. Steve Fitton is not in attendance today so that he can prepare his presentation to the Committee today.

Jan announced that the Michigan League for Public Policy policy forum will be held on June 13, 2013 and that she is providing informational handouts for those interested. Council members who will testify at today's Committee meeting were invited to bring copies of their testimony to today's Council meeting to share with the other Council members.

HB 4714

Tim Becker shared a slide with Council Members that was used to explain to legislators the eligible populations under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and who would be covered under the Medicaid Expansion. Tim reported that 320,000 individuals would qualify initially for Medicaid Expansion and 470,000 individuals would qualify at full maturation of the Expansion. Tim pointed out that individuals with income under 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) are not eligible for a subsidy to purchase health insurance on the health insurance exchange.

Tim stated that MDCH supports HB 4714, but has identified some challenges with parts of the bill. MDCH is meeting with small groups of legislators to discuss the bill and Medicaid Expansion in general. Council members discussed HB 4714 at length, including the budget impact, the lifetime cap on benefits, approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the definition of "non-disabled adults", the impact on employers of low wage workers, the 5% personal responsibility requirement, health savings accounts, impact on mental health services funding, impact on the Adult Benefits Waiver, health behavior incentives, the Medicaid Expansion benefit package, and the role of Medicaid Health Plans. Jan will prepare a letter to distribute to legislators from the MCAC regarding their support for Medicaid Expansion and their concerns about HB 4714.

Fiscal Year 2014 MDCH Budget

The Senate Appropriations Committee reported out the MDCH budget this morning which is mostly unchanged from the original Senate bill. Some amendments were approved. The budget does not include Medicaid Expansion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. A special meeting of the MCAC may be called in June to continue the Medicaid Expansion discussion and to discuss the agenda items not addressed today.