

MINUTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON MEDICAID REFORM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark on adjournment of the Senate on March 7, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Barnett, excused  
Senator Brungardt, excused

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Research  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: none

Others attending: See attached list

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Senator Feleciano, seconded by Senator Lee, minutes of the meeting of the Task Force on Medicaid Reform on March 4, 2003 be approved. Motion carried.

The following information was distributed to the committee:

1. Senator Pete Brungardt - Ideas on Medicaid Reform (Attachment 1)
2. Robert Day - Pharmacy Program Cost Containment Efforts (Attachment 2)
3. CMHC - Michael Hammond - Letter with five attachments (Attachment 3)
  - Total Numbers served by CMHC for FY 2002 - adults
  - Total numbers served by CMHC for FY 2002 - children & adolescents
  - Excerpt -Outlines Basic and specialized CMHC services for adults - p. 57
  - Excerpt - Outlines basic and specialized CMHC services for children and adolescents  
pages 126-127
  - Community Mental Health Centers
4. Health Grant Opportunities in Kansas (Attachment 4)
5. K.S.A. 39-709 - Mentally Ill... (Attachment 5)

Robert Harder provided written comments concerning the work and final report of the Task Force. He enumerated issues in Long Term Care, Prescription Drugs, Internal Management, Beyond the State and New Structure. (Attachment 6)

Chairman Clark asked Mr. Harder to lead the discussion on the various areas the Task Force had discussed in their round table discussions

1. Long Term Care Issues
  - Insurance would include tax credit, tax deductible, long term shelter, liens and reverse mortgages
  - Emphasis on HCBS and maximum use of consumer choice
  - Caps incorporated into the eligibility process

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2. Internal Management

SRS obligation to insist to the fiscal agent that SRS wants to lessen the hassle factor to the providers. Full accounting of unpaid bills in excess of 60 days.

Fiscal agent should submit a report accounting for funds not simply in the aggregate by program but also by individual headcount to determine over spending in relation to increase in caseload

Total medical expenditures should indicate whether special programs are included.

Review of the issues of management care and involvement of more physicians

3. Beyond the State

Consideration of a purchasing coop to include the surrounding states

Dual eligible persons should be fully a federal responsibility

4. Prescription Drugs

Help the local pharmacist and keep them in the program.

Implementation of the Hiawatha patient review system in pilot locations to study possibly a statewide program

The round table discussion subjects were -children with Medicare card, participation by drug manufacturers, role of Veterans Administration, eligibility for drugs thru VA, federal requirements that hinder SRS, programs the SRS has implemented, waivers, flexibility of services offered.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be on Monday, March 10.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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