

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on March 6, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Service
 J. D. Scott, Legislative Service
 Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
 James Frogue, Washington, D.C.

Others attending: See attached list

Mr. Frogue had compared the Kansas Self-Directed Program and the Cash and Counsel Program and concluded they are not the same. Kansas Plan option to the beneficiary does not include all providers. Reimbursement rate is determined by the beneficiary and counselor in Cash and Counsel; Kansas decides what is reimbursed. In the C&C plan the beneficiary fully controls the money; in Kansas there is no money as it is controlled by the agency. He felt there were significant differences in these programs.

Mr. Frogue provided the committee with information on the American Enterprise Institute Prescription Drug Security Plan and an article on Creating a Prescription Drug Benefit that works. (Attachment 1) This PDS plan is not in place anywhere but it might be a model of the way to go.

The committee members asked questions of Mr. Frogue regarding the Florida pilot program and data available on how the Cash and Counsel program is working. He indicated no data is available as it has not been in operation for a long enough period.

Senator Barnett suggested a group consisting of SRS, Mental Health, and NAMI to work on Care Management. A plan of action for Friday's meeting is to start on charging the SRS and other providers to focus on (1) prescription drugs; (2) targeted care management in high cost areas and the team reimbursed; (3) how to rebuild medicaid; and (4) long term chronic illness, what prevention effort should be made.

Robert Harder had provided a memo with his comments concerning the work and final report of the task force. (Attachment 2)

The next meeting of the Task Force will be on March 7, 2003 following adjournment of the Senate.

Adjournment.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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