



## Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 2:00 p.m.

RI Department of Labor & Training First Floor Conference Room

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building #73

Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

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**Co-Chairmen:** Kathleen Hittner, MD, Health Insurance Commissioner; Steven Costantino, Secretary, Executive Office of Health & Human Services; Michael Fine, MD, Director of Health

**Attendees:** Al Charbonneau; Kathryn Enright, Esq.; Neil Galinko for Stephen Farrell; Marie Ganim, Ph.D.; Jane Hayward; Dennis Keefe; Eve Keenan, Ed.D, RN; Dale Klaztker, Ph.D.; Al Kurose, MD; Betsy Loucks (new member representing Health Right); Gus Manocchia, MD; Mark Montella representing Timothy Babineau, MD; Corinne Calise Russo (for Sandra Powell, DHS); Michael Souza (representing the Hospital Association of Rhode Island); Craig Syata; Fox Wetle, Ph.D

**Regrets:** Alyn Adrain, MD; Peter Andruszkiewicz; Ken Belcher; Douglas Bennett; Nicki Cicogna; Stephen DeToy; Patricia Flanagan, MD; Robert Hartman; Gloria Hincapie; George Nee; Donna Policastro, RNP; Ed Quinlan (retired); Louis Rice, MD; Lynne Urbani

**Staff in Attendance:** Michael Dexter, Chief, Office of Health Systems Development, Department of Health; Cory King, Delivery System Analyst, Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC); Elizabeth Shelov, Chief, Family Health Systems, Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS)

### **Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Hittner requested feedback on the draft of the minutes from the June 12, 2014 meeting. There were no corrections or modifications and the draft minutes were approved as written.

### **Passage of Public Law 14-316**

Dr. Hittner introduced a discussion of the "Rhode Island Access to Medical Technology Innovation Act" (Public Law 14-316). Dr. Fine reviewed a "Summary of Key Provisions" related to the Act (see below attached). This statute, which creates Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 23-93, imposes a moratorium on the Certificate of Need (CON) Program and requires specific statewide health planning activities to be completed by the Health Department. An update to the Rhode Island General Assembly is due in February 2015.

In order to complete the planning tasks set forth in RIGL 23-93, Dr. Fine indicated that a work group has been formed at the Health Department. He expects to complete most of this work in-house. A suggestion was made that all future Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council meetings have an agenda item related to updates on the statewide health planning work.

## *Updates on RFPs and Special Projects*

### Cost-of-Care Project:

Cory King, of Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner staff, who manages this project for the State, indicated that data will begin flowing shortly from RTI to the Wakely Consulting Group (vendor for the cost-of-care project).

### Behavioral Healthcare and Substance Abuse Project:

Tom Martin, of the EOHHS staff, is the project manager of this \$300,000 study for the State. The project was awarded to Truven Analytics of Michigan. Cory King presented an update on this project by presenting the PowerPoint included below. This study is scheduled to be completed in July 2015.

### *Council Meeting Schedule*

Members have requested that a meeting schedule be established for the Council that includes early morning meetings for the health care practitioners in the group. The group discussed alternating meeting times between 7:30 am and an afternoon meeting time. While meeting space is scarce in State buildings, the Council requests that staff find a usual and customary location for the meetings as much as possible. A meeting schedule will be established in the near future for the group.

### *Public Comment*

Mr. Donald Williams posed a question about measures in the aforementioned studies: is need or demand being measured?

No future meetings of the Council are presently scheduled. With no further discussion, the Council adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Notes prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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# Planning Framework

Rhode Island Behavioral Healthcare  
Analysis and Report Project

