



Health Care Planning and Accountability Advisory Council
Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
HP Enterprise Services
301 Metro Center Boulevard
Second Floor Conference Room (#203)
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

Co-Chairmen: Kathleen Hittner, MD, Health Insurance Commissioner; Elizabeth Roberts, Secretary, Executive Office of Health & Human Services; Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD/MPH, Director of Health

Attendees: Kathryn Enright, Esq.; Al Charbonneau; Neal Galinko, MD; Eve Keenan, EdD, RN; Dale Klaztker, PhD; Gus Manocchia, MD; Maria Montanaro; Michael Souza; Mark Adelman; Gail Costa; Stephen DeToy; Rebecca Kislak

Regrets: Alyn Adrain, MD; Peter Andruszkiewicz; Timothy Babineau, MD; Douglas Bennett; Nicki Cicogna; Patricia Flanagan, MD; Marie Ganim, PhD; Robert Hartman; Jane Hayward; Gloria Hincapie; Al Kurose, MD; Betsy Loucks; George Nee; Donna Policastro, RNP; Louis Rice, MD; Craig Syata; Lynne Urbani Corinne Calise Russo (representing DHS); Dennis Keefe; Fox Wetle, PhD

Staff in Attendance: Michael Dexter, Chief, Office of Health Systems Development, Department of Health (DOH); Cory King, Delivery System Analyst, Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC); Sandra Powell, Health Policy Project Director (DOH); Theodore Long, MD/MHS, Medical Director, Division of Health Policy & Planning (DOH); Elizabeth Shelov, Chief, Family Health Systems, (EOHHS); Michael Cronan, Legislative Liaison (EOHHS); Tarah Provencal, Legislative Liaison (OHIC); Deborah George, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel (EOHHS)

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Hittner convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and members of the Council introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Hittner requested feedback on the draft of the minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting. There were no corrections or modifications and the draft minutes were approved as written.

Secretary Roberts indicated that a draft annual report on the work of the Council has been prepared and will circulate for comment before it is submitted to the General Assembly in July.

Update on the Statewide Health Planning Project

Sandra Powell and Dr. Ted Long provided an update on the state wide health planning initiative being conducted by DOH. The goal of this work is to assess and describe capacity, utilization and access to health care in Rhode Island (geographical, financial, and cultural). The survey inventory work is continuing, as provided below:



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Health Care Inventory Survey
Update: June 2015**

1. Nursing Home Survey Status:
Notice sent: June 5th
Survey Issued: June 8, 2015 – End date: June 26, 2015
Completion to date: 88 of 90 (98%) Nursing Homes have completed as of June 30th
2. Primary Care Inventory Status:
Identified approx. 365 primary care practices to date
Have secured 95% of practice administrator emails
Notice sent: June 26th
Survey Issued: June 29th
3. Home Health
Survey tool constructed
Pending distribution July 6 or July 13th
4. Hospital
Survey tool 90% completed pending final stakeholder feedback
Communication: Letter from director to hospital CEOs
Pending distribution: July 6th
5. Out Patient Specialty Practices
Initial Draft of inventory tool created June 22nd
Pending stakeholder engagement
Distribution date goal: **July 10th**
6. Patient/Community
Survey tool completed
Distribution strategy: Voter Registration list phone calls
Face-to-face Engagement at community locations
7. Assisted Living
Initial Draft of inventory tool created June 23rd
Reached out to stakeholders
Pending distribution: July 6th
8. Pending inventories:
Behavioral Health: Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Adult Day Care
Hospice Care
Surgi-Centers

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Dr. Alexander-Scott thanked Dr. Long and Ms. Powell for their commitment and diligence in completing this work. The General Assembly will receive a written report related to this statewide health planning work when it is completed.

Update on Total Cost of Care Project & Behavioral Healthcare /Substance Use Project

Cory King, of OHIC, noted that completed reports are due from Wakely (Total Cost of Care) and Truven Analytics (Behavioral Health) in September 2015.

Update on SIM

Cory King also provided an update on the work related to the four-year \$20 million dollar State Innovation Model (SIM) grant. He indicated that the broad goals of the grant are: 1) to improve population health; 2) to decrease the growth rate of per capita healthcare spending; and 3) to transform the health care delivery system. This grant represents a cooperative effort among state agencies and community partners.

What has been accomplished to date? Six state staff are in the process of being hired and embedded in the participating state agencies. A request for proposals (RFP) is being prepared related to the completion of a population health plan that includes a behavioral health transformation component and a project management piece. An operational plan will be prepared and submitted to the funding agency (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) after the population health plan (including the behavioral health transformation component) is completed.

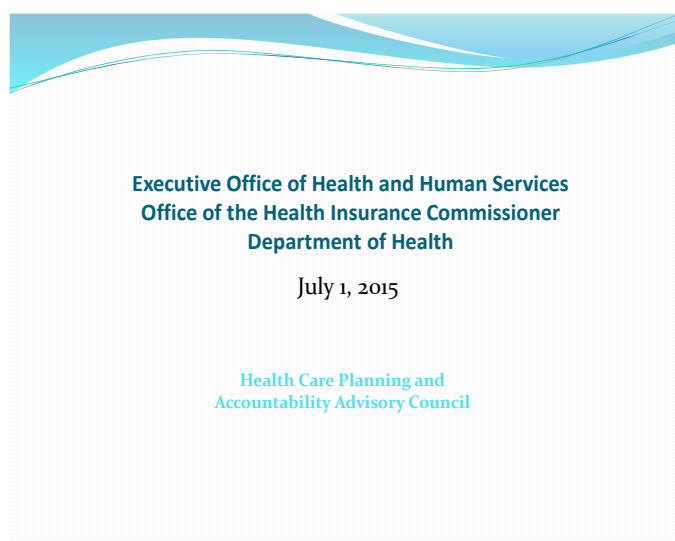
The SIM meetings are open meetings and all are welcome to attend. The Council will be periodically updated on the work of the SIM Steering Committee.

Update on “Reinventing Medicaid”

Secretary Roberts provided an update on the “Reinventing Medicaid” initiative. She noted that EOHHS submitted an aggressive budget related to the “reinventing” work. It represented approximately \$70 million in Medicaid savings across 48 initiatives. The “Reinventing Medicaid” Committee held 40 – 50 public meetings in total. The final “Reinventing Medicaid” report is going to Governor Raimondo next week. The “Reinventing Medicaid” website is found at: www.reinventingMedicaid.ri.gov

Legislative Update

An update on the results of the 2015 General Assembly session was presented by Attorneys Deb George, Tarah Provencal, and Legislative Liaison, Michael Cronan. An EOHHS summary of bills that passed – and did not pass – is included in the PowerPoint presentation below:



OHIC-Related Legislation Update

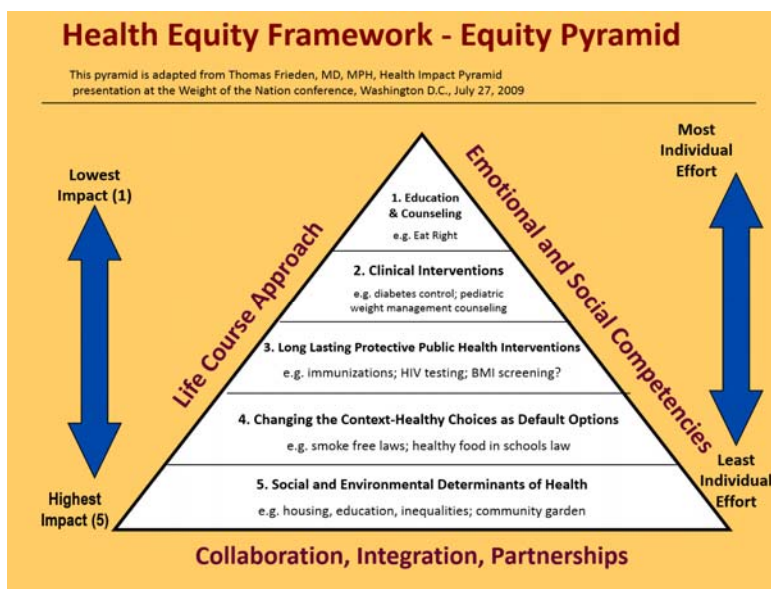
Attorney Provencal provided a brief update on OHIC-related legislation as follows:

- H5988/S786 Sub-A (ACA conforming legislation) passed the Senate; will be submitted again next year;
- H5939/S711 (direct market bill that creates a level playing field and includes an APA component); passed the Senate but did not make it through the House;
- S422 Sub-A (utilization review) did not pass in the House.

Kathryn Enright, Esq., Health Care Advocate in the Office of the Attorney General, offered to present an overview of 2015 legislation related to the Attorney General’s Office at the next Council meeting.

Health Equity Zones

Director Nicole Alexander-Scott and Carol Hall-Walker, Interdepartmental Manager at the Health Department, presented a PowerPoint related to the Department of Health’s public health equity agenda. The five components of this health equity framework appear below:



The Department has a vision for building healthier, more equitable communities in Rhode Island. The Department has received \$2 million in CDC monies for four years to complete a scope of activities as follows:

- ### Health Equity Zone (HEZ) – scope of activities
- **Identify and prioritize local health issues**
 - **Community assessment (needs/assets)**
 - **Develop and implement local plans of action**
 - **Community-based, evidence-based strategies and programs**
 - **Focus areas: maternal and child health/chronic disease**
 - **Addressing health inequities and inequalities**
 - **Monitor and assess success in terms of:**
 - **improved population health outcomes,**
 - **increased number of policy change/environmental health policies implemented and**
 - **improved SE conditions at the neighborhood/place level.**

All counties in the state are represented in this work. As this work evolves, cities and towns will be asked to become more involved in this effort and take ownership at the local level. The Health Department is seeking to integrate this work across state agencies (e.g., deploying community health teams focusing on health equity zones). Health policies should support this effort.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Notes prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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Chief, Family Health Systems

Executive Office of Health & Human Services
July 24, 2015

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
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