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Office of the Commissioner of Insurance Health Advisory Council

Minutes

Tuesday January 15, 2008

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

125 South Webster Street

Room 227

Madison, WI 53707

Council Members Attended: Alice Torti, Chair, Great Big Pictures; Marilyn Windschiegel, WEA Trust; Karen Geiger, Blue Cross/Blue Shield; James Sykes, UW- Madison; Robert Palmer, Dean Health Plan; Mary Ellen Powers, Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce; Roberta Riportella, Ph.D, UW-Madison; Mike Derdzinski, WAHU; John Sheski, WPS; Terry Murphy, (NAIFA) East Town Insurance Services, Inc.; Roma Hanson, AIDS Resource center

OCI Representatives Attended: Commissioner Sean Dilweg, Deputy Commissioner Kimberly Shaul, Jennifer Stegall, Eileen Mallow, Sue Ezalarab, Diane Dambach, Jim Guidry, and Mary Reines

Others Present: Jim Jones, DHFS; Patrick Henneger, Office of Rep. Joan Ballweg; Chad Zuleger, WAHU; Dan Schwarksi, WAHU; Larry Rambo, Humana; Nancy Wenzel, WAHP; Ted Osthelder, Anthem BCBS; Heather Bruemmer, BOALTC; Kathryn Ambelang, WPS; Bill Toman, Quarles & Brady; Phil Dougherty, WI Association of Health Plans, Louie Schubert, American Family Insurance, Amie Goldman, HIRSP, Vaughn Vance, WEA Insurance; Susan Linck, NAIFA; Pat Osborne, WPS

I. Introductions

Alice Torti, Chair

II. Approval of October 9th minutes

Alice Torti, Chair

Amend closing minutes –
Review WI issues for closing section

III. Senate Bill 337; disclosure of information by health care providers and insurers.

Representative Steve Wieckert

Background:

The bill is being modeled after Minnesota. The purpose of the bills is for a one stop shopping place for health care providers. The information would provide consumers

data on doctors, clinics, etc. Quality is another issue as well. The bottom line is how much medical treatments cost. Currently, the information is proprietary.

Representative Wieckert thanked the insurers who have provided information and does not want to infringe on their business. He is encouraging the co-operation of insurers for the bill and a good faith effort to create something that works for the Wisconsin Consumer .

The council had various questions and comments for Representative Wieckert.

IV. Transparency Presentation: “Making Progress”

Larry Rambo, Humana CEO, gave a presentation on the work Humana has done on transparency of health costs for their policyholders.

The council had various questions, comments and discussion on the information in the presentation.

V. Badger Care Plus Overview

Jim Jones, DHFS, presented on Badger Care Plus program administered by DHFS.

VI. Health Care Coverage: 2006

Jim Guidry, OCI, gave an overview of health insurance coverage in Wisconsin.

Council members discussed issues on health insurance covered in Jim’s overview.

Note: Mandates will be a potential future agenda item

VII. Health Care Reform Discussion: Member perspectives and experiences.

Alice Torti, Chair

This item is being tabled for a future agenda.

VIII. Small Employer Rate Regulation

Stephanie Cook, OCI, gave an overview of small employer health coverage and rating rules. (2006 report was distributed with an outline)

Attachments:

[Small Employer Rate Regulation](#)

[Small Employer Rate Change 2006](#)

[Small Employer Market Share Ranks](#)

[LRB 1391 Small Empl. Ins. Rates](#)

IX. Procedural Terminology Code Changes

Sue Ezalarab, OCI

Sue gave an overview of new laws passed in the 2007 budget bills that impact health insurers. She distributed a bulletin that OCI had recently issued to committee members. If there were any additional comments, the members were asked to follow up at the next meeting or by email.

X. Legislative Update: Jennifer Stegall gave an update on the legislation listed below.

State:

- Healthy Wisconsin
- Senate Bill 375; health insurance coverage of nervous and mental disorders, alcoholism and other drug abuse.
- Senate Bill 88; requiring health insurance coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for infants and young children.
- Senate Bill 178; health insurance coverage of treatment for autism spectrum disorders.
- Senate Bill 150; relating to prohibiting smoking in places of employment, restaurants, taverns, and other indoor areas.
- Assembly Bill 258; permitting an employer to offer financial incentives to discourage or encourage the use of a legal product.
- Assembly Bill 130; health insurance coverage of a full time student on medical leave.
- LRB 1391; relating to small insurer health insurance rates.

Federal:

- SCHIP
- Medicare Advantage
- HR 1424, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.
- S. 558, the Mental Health Parity Act.

Attachments:

[Legislative Update](#)

XI. Other Business

XII. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Time will be sent with next agenda

Any agenda items should be sent to Jennifer