

Wyoming Healthcare Commission
August 11, 2008
Conference Call

Commissioners: Larry Kirven, Co-chairman; Rod Barton; Jack Glode; Cathy Guschewsky; Barb Rea; Lorraine Saulino-Klein; Jack Speight; Brent Sherard; John Vandell; Lloyd Wilder (for Commissioner Ken Vines).

Subcommittee Members: Darryl Bindschadler; Dan Perdue; Jerry Calkins, M.D. and John McBride.

Legislators & State Government: Representative Jack Landon; Wendy Curran, Governor's Office

Guests: Kristy Westfall, WYPCA; Phyllis Sherard, CRMC; Larry Biggio, WyHIO; Steve Bahmer, WHA and Stacie Dunn, APS Healthcare.

Staff: Susie Scott, Executive Director; Fran Cadez, Facilitator & Consultant; Ryan Sandefer, Database Project Manager; Keith Hageman, Administrative Assistant.

10:05 a.m. Co-chairman Larry Kirven, called the meeting to order.

I. Access Demonstration Project

a. *Update-* Executive Director Susie Scott gave an update on the Access Demonstration Project. In preparation for this conference call, the initial concepts of the Access Demonstration Project that were discussed at the July 14, 2008, Wyoming Healthcare Commission meeting were expanded upon and formatted into an outline of key concepts. Commissioners received the list for review via e-mail prior to the conference call.

b. *Outline Review-* Co-chairman Larry Kirven, reviewed the outline of key concepts with the Commission. The outline consists of eight (8) key concepts:

1. Focus on improved health, increase access and lower costs instead of an insurance product.
2. Provide support, communication and health management to patients to help them achieve better health.
 - Down the road, a consumer health information website could be developed.
 - Educating the patient to enable them to make better choices is a significant piece.
3. Promote personal choice in selecting and paying for medical care services.
 - Promote personal responsibility.
4. Realign incentives to patients and providers to encourage better health and coordinated care through a "medical home" concept.
 - This could be the crux of the plan.
 - Need quality physicians willing to participate.
 - Need incentives for both physicians and patients to participate.
5. Emphasize evidence-based, cost effective preventive care.
 - Education is a significant piece.

6. Strengthen WY primary care system.
 - Reimbursement rates are a factor
 - Education
7. Lower costs by emphasizing consumer/patient education, cost transparency and prevention.
 - Could possibly use existing programs for this.
8. Improve provider reimbursement to cover cost rewards for emphasis on care coordination, quality and safety.

c. *Next Steps-*

- Work on details (# of enrollees, cost, primary care physicians, management piece, outcomes measurement etc.)
- Discussion with Representative Jack Landon and Senator Charlie Scott and others involved for feedback.
- Letter to Legislators with an update on the development of the Access Demonstration Project.
- Need to present details about the Access Demonstration Project to Labor, Health and Social Services Committee by their September 15th meeting.

II. Carbon County EMS Project

a. *Update-* Commissioner Jack Glode, gave the Commission an update on the Carbon County EMS Project. The Carbon County EMS Project is making progress. As a result of this project, a blueprint for EMS could be developed that could be used throughout the state. Commissioner Jack Glode met with the Saratoga Town Council. Executive Director Susie Scott and Commissioner Jack Glode also met with the Carbon County Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and Carbon County Commissioners. A Joint Powers Agreement has been drafted for the Carbon County EMS Project. The draft of the Joint Powers Agreement allows for communities in the south central Wyoming medical service area to join the project. As previously announced, the Wyoming Healthcare Commission has agreed to fund the EMS coordinator position for a year.

b. *Next Steps-*

- On September 29th and 30th Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) will be coming back to visit with stakeholders on the Carbon County Project.
- Carbon County Stakeholders will be meeting with the Town Councils of Riverside and Encampment this week.
- Meeting with Wamsutter Town Council is scheduled for August 25th.

III. Patient Safety Task Force

Updates- Co-chairman Larry Kirven and Committee Facilitator Fran Cadez gave an update on the Patient Safety Task Force. Members of the Patient Safety Task Force will conduct a site visit of the Maryland Patient Safety Center later this week (Thursday, August 14, 2008). The Task Force Members will be looking at the data collection software, the data analysis, cost, first year set up, and the hospital collaborative among other aspects of Maryland's Patient Safety Center.

IV. Health Professions Database

a. *Update-* Project Manager Ryan Sandefer gave the Commission an update on the Health Professions Database.

- The Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC) and the University of Washington contracts have been finalized and are in effect.
- Thus far, Project Manager Ryan Sandefer, WYSAC and the University of Washington have had three (3) conference calls and the project is underway.
- The Wyoming Healthcare Commission has received the database from University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC, HPTC) and has everything needed to go forward.
- Online survey capabilities will be available through WYSAC.
- It was recommended by Project Manager Ryan Sandefer to wait until June 2009 to release the next statistical handbook instead of January or February 2009 because the data will be collected through June 2009. If the statistical handbook were to be published in January or February 2009 the data from February 2009 to June 2009 would not be included. By waiting until June 2009 to publish the next statistical handbook, the data can be included. This delay would make the data more useful and would make the most of the University of Washington's analysis.

VOTE: Co-chairman Larry Kirven asked the Commission if there were any objections to the delay in publication/release of the next statistical handbook. No objections to the delay in publishing the statistical handbook were stated. The next statistical handbook will be released in June 2009.

b. *After Sunset Options-* Currently the Wyoming Healthcare Commission governs the database. Plans to maintain the database must be made before the Wyoming Healthcare Commission sunsets, June 2009. There has been a need for Wyoming specific data and it would be a step backwards if the database was not maintained after the Wyoming Healthcare Commission sunsets.

MOTION: Commissioner Jack Glode motioned that the Commission form a workgroup to look at how the database will be governed after the Wyoming Healthcare Commission sunsets. Commissioner John Vandel seconded the motion. Four Commissioners volunteered to be on the database workgroup, Commissioners: Jack Speight, Brent Sherard, John Vandel and Jack Glode.

V. Dorsey Hughes Symposium

Commissioners and staff who attended Dorsey Hughes commented about the symposium.

- Regarding the Access Demonstration Project, Commissioner Jack Glode recommended that Commissioners review the Dorsey Hughes slides by: Berwick, Cortese, Nichols, Thompson, and Baicker. Commissioners will be e-mailed these slide presentations for review.
- The audio from the Dorsey Hughes Symposium will be available on the "Colorado Health Foundation" website.
- Commissioner Barb Rea said one aspect of healthcare reform that was brought up several times at Dorsey Hughes is when change is implemented cost will initially go up before it goes down.

VI. Wrap-up

The next Wyoming Healthcare Commission meeting will be Monday September 8, 2008, in Casper.

12:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned by Co-chairman Larry Kirven.