

MEDICAID SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

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Attendance:

Medicaid committee chairman Rod Barton, committee members and commissioners Barb Cohee, Lorraine Saulino-Klein, John Vandel, (on the phone) Greg Gruman, Teri Green. Also Carolyn Paseneaux, Beverly Morrow, Vereen Bebo, Jim Raye, Mary Behrens, Sen. Charles Scott, Ken Hoff, Lura Crawford, Rita Inoway, Dan Lex

Medicaid Subcommittee Chairman Rod Barton presented the power point presentation that would later be presented to the Wyoming Healthcare Commission.

It was decided that an opening slide would be added stating the three-year timeline and the process of narrowing the focus for these proposals.

Comments on the proposals:

1. Fund the slots on the assisted living and home services waiting lists.

Sen. Charles Scott will include the suggestion in legislation. Greg Gruman described the grant that supports it. Discussion on how to present the potential cost savings if all the people on the list were prevented from being in a nursing home. There was discussion that some clients require nursing home services.

2. Support Project Out efforts

The Legislature has a history of supporting Project Out. Bev Morrow, administrator of the Health Department Aging Division described which services can be paid for with Medicaid money and which cannot. The request is for one-time money to assist a person leaving a nursing home with such things as deposits and basic furniture. Ken Hoff, Project Out director, offered details on how the project works.

3. One Stop Shopping

Greg Gruman added detail on the three year federal grant that supports the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center. Discussion was that if this project can fulfill the desired “ready response” assistance recommended by Milliman, it would be a good vehicle to support and expand.

4. Improve Workforce

The concept of continuation budget was explained. The Nurse Practice Act recommendation was changed to read, “Support ways to expand workforce, i.e. review Nurse Practice Act.”

5. Offer options

The recommendation to support Green House facilities was discussed, since Green House is a trademark program. The recommendation was amended to indicate greenhouse concept facilities.

Discussion of the suggested outreach to faith-based organizations in promoting Hospice was debated and left out of the recommendation, allowing the contractor to make those decisions.