

Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes
Poydras Building Hearing Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 29, 2010

Members present:

Coletta Barrett, Leah Barron, Dr. Robert Barsley, Doreen Brasseaux, Scott Broussard, Dr. L. Philip Caillouet, Dawn Cantrell, Allen Cassidy, Julie Cherry, Dr. Robert Chugden, Derrell Cohoon, Diane Davidson, Dr. Karen DeSalvo, Kerry Everitt, Dr. Thomas Fairley, Scott Flowers, Donna Fraiche, Scott Kipper, Janie Ward Martin, Donna Mayeux, Senator Jean-Paul Morrell, Christine Arbo Peck, Bridgette Richard, Cheryl Tolbert and Dr. Laura Trunk.

Members absent:

Dr. John Steven Caraway, Diane Davidson, Holley Galland, Rep. Chuck Kleckley, Dr. Anil Kukreja, Rhonda Litt, Dr. Warren C. Lowe, Dr. Hugh McKnight, Bert Melancon, John D. Monlezun, Sr., Benjamin P. Mouton, Myra Myers, William R. Naquin, Gordon Natal, Jr., Ron Nezat, Phyllis Perron, Bobby Savoie, Donna Swanson and Tommy Teague.

Staff present:

Alison Jones, Vanessa Vince and Karen Krumholt.

Chairperson Donna Fraiche began the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

The roll was called and a quorum was present. The commission voted to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2010 Louisiana Health Care Commission (LHCC) meeting.

Chairperson Fraiche introduced the following new LHCC members and their organizations:

- Mr. Allen Cassidy, Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association
- Robert J. Chugden, M.D., Louisiana State Medical Society
- Mr. Scott Kipper, Louisiana Department of Insurance
- Ms. Janie Ward Martin, Louisiana Maternal and Child Health Coalition

Ms. Christine Arbo Peck, Director, Legislative and Governmental Relations, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), reported on the Coordinated Care Networks (CCNs). Ms. Peck stated that 1.2 million Louisiana residents rely on the state's current fee-for-service Medicaid Program delivery system for their health care coverage. She further stated that in 2014, when provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act take effect, an additional 600,000 Louisiana residents will move into the Medicaid Program for their health care coverage. Ms. Peck advised that DHH is currently working to transform Louisiana's Medicaid Program and provide better health care to the state's residents. She discussed the transition of Louisiana's Medicaid Program delivery system into CCNs which are designed to provide better health care outcomes, provide a stronger focus on managed health care and improve the quality of care.

Karen DeSalvo, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Tulane Community Health Centers and Vice – Chairperson of the LHCC, discussed the Primary Care and Access Stabilization Grant (PCASG). She stated that the PCASG is \$100 million in funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which was awarded in 2007. Dr. DeSalvo further stated that the PCASG

supports the growing health care network of neighborhood, school and mobile unit based health centers in the New Orleans area parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard. Dr. DeSalvo advised that the health care network is operated by 25 public and private nonprofit organizations joined together as a collaborative to share funding allocated by the Louisiana Public Health Institute. She explained that the network improves access to health care for Louisiana's uninsured and Medicaid population. It also encourages a more efficient business model and contemplates a quality performance program that would encourage Patient Centered Medical Homes by the National Committee on Quality Assurance. Dr. DeSalvo stated that the program has worked so well that 20 percent of the four parish New Orleans area (Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard) population have received their health care in one of the neighborhood based clinics. Dr. DeSalvo advised that low-income and uninsured Louisiana residents will continue to have access to the network of clinics under a waiver negotiated by DHH.

Mr. Scott Kipper, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Health, Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI) reported on the LDI Office of Health Insurance. Mr. Kipper announced that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) elected Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon as Secretary-Treasurer for 2011 at this year's NAIC fall meeting.

Mr. Kipper advised that the LDI has been working with other agencies to meet deadlines regarding health care reform. He discussed several federal grants that were available for the LDI to participate in. Mr. Kipper stated that the LDI assisted in applying for the health insurance exchange planning grant. He further stated that DHH is the lead agency for the exchange planning program. Mr. Kipper advised that the LDI applied for a rate review grant and received funding to develop a framework and institute a program where the LDI will have oversight on health insurance rates for those products covered under PPACA. Mr. Kipper also discussed the new minimum loss ratio requirements.

Ms. Cindy Bishop, President, Checkmate Strategies and Sue Catchings, Chief Executive Officer, Health Centers in Schools reported on the Louisiana Assembly of School Based Health Centers. Ms. Bishop introduced Ms. Tracy Parker, NP, President Elect, Health Centers in Schools. Ms. Bishop gave an overview of school based health centers (SBHCs). She described SBHCs as a health clinic or doctor's office on a school campus staffed with a nurse practitioner, a social worker and a medical doctor that checks medical records on a weekly basis. She stated that in some cases the SBHCs have contracts with psychiatrists and psychologists that provide assistance when needed. Ms. Bishop discussed the challenges with billing issues, provider contracts and funding.

Ms. Sue Catchings discussed the history of SBHCs. Ms. Cathings expressed the importance of early age preventive health care in reducing health care costs. She advised that there are currently over 65 SBHCs in 26 Louisiana parishes. She further advised that there are a total of nearly 55 thousand students enrolled in school and 81percent of those students are enrolled in the SBHCs. Ms. Cathings discussed the issue of overweight and obese children. She advised that there are between 45 and 55 percent of children in middle and high school with weight problems. Ms. Cathings discussed the efficiency and effectiveness that SBHCs provide. She stated that school systems have come to recognize that SBHCs are helping their educational outcomes.

Ms. Leah Barron, Executive Officer, Louisiana Health Plan gave an update on the LHCC Health Care Costs Containment Subcommittee. Ms. Barron advised that the subcommittee is studying various topics regarding health care cost issues and will make recommendations to the Louisiana Health Care Commission for review and discussion by January, 2011.

Chairperson Donna Fraiche reported on Federal Health Care Reform. She advised that there continue to be health care rules and regulations issued and there are various health care reform web sites

available with updated information. Chairperson Fraiche discussed the one day summit held last week and hosted by AARP that brought a group of experts in the field of chronic care management together to discuss the impact of health care reform on coordinating services and care for the elderly.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.