

Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes
Poydras Building Hearing Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
April 1, 2011

Members present:

Coletta Barrett, Leah Barron, Dr. Robert Barsley, Dr. L. Philip Caillouet, Dawn Cantrell, Dr. John Steven Caraway, Julie Cherry, Derrell Cohoon, Kerry Everitt, Dr. Thomas Fairley, Scott Flowers, Donna Fraiche, Bridgette Jamison, Scott Kipper, Ron Nezat, Christine Arbo Peck, Phyllis Perron and Bobby Savoie.

Members absent:

Doreen Brasseaux, Scott Broussard, Allen Cassidy, Dr. Robert Chugden, Diane Davidson, Dr. Karen DeSalvo, Dr. Holley Galland, Rep. Chuck Kleckley, Dr. Anil Kukreja, Rhonda Litt, Dr. Warren C. Lowe, Janie Ward Martin, Donna Mayeux, Dr. Hugh McKnight, Bert Melancon, John D. Monlezun, Senator Jean-Paul Morrell, Benjamin Mouton, William Naquin, Gordon Natal, Jr., Tommy Teague, Cheryl Tolbert and Dr. Laura Trunk.

Staff present:

Alison Jones, Thomas Clemons, Vanessa Vince and Karen Krumholt.

Chairperson Donna Fraiche called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Chairperson Fraiche introduced the following panelists to discuss the proposed implementation of a Coordinated Care Network (CCN) for Louisiana's Medicaid Program:

- Secretary Bruce Greenstein, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
- Mr. Gil Dupre, Louisiana Association of Health Plans
- Dr. Steven B. Spedale, MedicineLouisiana
- John Matessino, Louisiana Hospital Association

The commission voted to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2011 Louisiana Health Care Commission (LHCC) meeting.

Secretary Bruce Greenstein discussed the CCN system that includes both pre-paid and shared savings models. He discussed the possible levels of CCN enrollment and the improved health care outcomes in other states. Secretary Greenstein briefly discussed federal health care reform and its effect on Louisiana's Medicaid Program. He advised that there are currently 1.18 million people enrolled in the state's Medicaid Program and anticipates a 40 percent increase of new enrollees within the first year of the Medicaid expansion due to the new health reform law.

Mr. Gil Dupre discussed the history of the Department of Health and Hospitals efforts to implement managed care within the state's Medicaid Program. He advised that the CCN program objectives are to improve health outcomes, save money and provide budget predictability. Mr. Dupre discussed health plan design changes, implementation timelines and proposed CCN implementation by regions in Louisiana. He further discussed a number of Louisiana health plans that are interested in the CCN program.

Dr. Steven Spedale commented on private practice physician administration and financial issues as well as patient issues as it pertains to the CCN program.

Mr. John Matessino discussed the economic impact of Louisiana's hospital health care system, the history of Medicaid enrollment and the challenges with hospital reimbursement system issues. Mr. Matessino briefly discussed hospital transparency. He advised that the website Lahospitalinform.org can be used as a resource for information on Louisiana hospitals.

Ms. Leah Barron reported on the LHCC Health Care Cost Containment Subcommittee. She advised that the objective of the subcommittee was to study various topics regarding health care cost issues and make final recommendations to the LHCC for review and discussion.

After discussion of the LHCC Health Care Cost Containment subcommittee report, the commission agreed for the subcommittee to continue its study.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.