



Monday, April 25, 2011 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Capitol Annex, Room 171 - Frankfort, KY

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees:

Rachel Bledsoe, BK Public Affairs
Kip Bowmar, KY Home Health Association
Robert Brawley, KY Dept. for Public Health
Steve Bryant, BK Public Affairs
Tonya Chang, American Heart Association
Talley Cockerel, Norton Healthcare
Dudley Conner, KPHA/KHDA
Marie Cull, Cull, Hayden & Vance
Pat Delahanty, Catholic Conference
Bob Gray, Taylor-Gray Associates
Anne Hadreas, KY Equal Justice Center
Jason Hall, Catholic Conference
Richard Heine, Friedell Committee
Anne Joseph, Covering KY Kids & Families
Ben Keeton, Medical News/BK Public Affairs

Ellen Kershaw, Alzheimer's Association
Michelle List, Senior Medicare Patrol
Christin Miller, Advocacy Action Network
Dustin Miller, Government Strategies, Inc.
Jodi Mitchell, KVH
Ann Marie Regan, KY Equal Justice Center
Lisa Rice, DBHDID
Sheila Schuster, Advocacy Action Network
Bruce Scott, Mental Health America – Kentucky
Rich Seckel, KY Equal Justice Center
Therese Sirles, Kosair Childrens Hospital
Alicia Tindall, KY Immunization Program, DPH
Jessica Young, Senior Medicare Patrol
Julie Zuzolo, Pfizer

Participating by Webinar/Phone

Carl Boes, KARP, Inc.
Joan Buchar, Foundation for a Healthy KY
Randa Deaton, Kentuckiana Healthcare Collaborative
Kraig Humbaugh, KY Dept. for Public Health
Melissa Fry Konty, KY Center for Economic Policy

Loretta Maldaner, Purchase AHEC
Lacey McNary, KY Youth Advocates
Kevin Middleton, United Way of KY
Cindy Rosser, Brain Injury Alliance of KY
Marian Taylor, KY Council of Churches

Jodi Mitchell called the meeting to order with introductions by all in attendance. The meeting summary was provided and members were requested to send updates to Jodi Mitchell by Wed, April 27th and the summary would be considered final after that and posted on the KVH Meetings web page.

Improve the health of Kentucky's children

Immunization Schedules

The Department for Public Health (Alicia Tindall) presented on the new immunization changes effective July 1. Her ppt presentation is available on the KVH Meetings Web Page. The Dept. for Public Health is currently educating providers, working with Dept. of Education, and community organizations to alert constituencies about the change

In regards to immunizations, the national goal is 90% and KY is currently at 80%. There are still parents who are hesitant about vaccines despite recent reports about false research. The Dept. for Public Health is updating its web page with revised schedules for immunizations.

KVH Children's Health Task Force

The Children's Health Task Force met on April 19. Materials from the meeting and future meetings are posted on the KVH Children's Health web page - <http://kyvoicesforhealth.com/children.html>. Anne Joseph provided a summary of the coordinated school health presentation by Jamie Sparks (Dept. of Education) and Vicki Greenwell (Dept. of Public Health). KVH offered to partner with them to advance implementation of components of the coordinated school health model.

Joan Buchar provided some background as to support needed for the health and physical education (practical living) that is currently going through program review within the Dept. of Education. KVH agreed to develop a joint letter to support maintaining this curriculum in schools.

Anne Joseph shared additional information with the coalition including a national children's' organization sign on letter regarding the federal budget proposal and a chart explaining the impact that the House budget proposal would have on Medicaid. KVH discussed sending a letter to the Governor showing appreciation for his support on preserving the Medicaid program and the detrimental effects of moving to a block grant program. Bob Gray will work on this for KVH and the letter may be combined with sending Governor Beshear the KVH managed care principles.

Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of health care for Kentuckians

Senior Medicare Patrol

Michelle List and Jessica Young provided an overview of the Senior Medicare Patrol and their outreach to seniors regard fraud and abuse. This program is funded through the Administration on Aging and every state has a similar program. Senior Medicare Patrol contracts with 7 regional entities within Kentucky to assist with outreach efforts. The program trains volunteers to assist with outreach efforts. www.smpresource.org

Assure that all Kentuckians have access to high quality, affordable health care

Medicaid Managed Care RFP

KVH submitted questions during the Q&A submission process regarding access and transparency. Kentucky Youth Advocates circulated a survey to advocates and utilized the wide responses to also submit questions to the Finance Cabinet. Kentucky Equal Justice Center also submitted questions focused on language access, medical necessity, and standardization. All of these documents are posted on the KVH Meetings web page. There was a discussion about Passport's position in the RFP process. Given that they are a sole source contract, they do not have to bid for RFP. It was suggested that we share our questions with Passport so that they may advise as an MCO that has provided managed care in Kentucky.

The coalition discussed that there is limited opportunity for community input in the RFP process. Bob Gray suggested that KVH may want to share questions with legislators. It was noted that the public health departments were carved out in the RFP. There is a concern about school based health services and how providers will be reimbursed in these settings (i.e. Rep. Ben Wade's editorial was referenced). Community mental health centers were not carved out and there are significant concerns about the delivery/reimbursement of behavioral health care in the MCO arrangements. The mental health community submitted questions about the unclear arrangements.

Draft managed care principles were circulated for comment. It was noted that long term care was not included in the draft and that is because there is not a direct reference to this in the RFP. It was suggest that quality be emphasized and perhaps reference patient satisfaction surveys. Additional comments are to be sent to Jodi Mitchell for incorporation in a revised document. Questions were raised about how the principles will be used and disseminated. KVH will communicate these to the Governor and Cabinet for Health and Family Services. KVH members are welcome to share and disseminate broadly. The principles will serve as a tool for ongoing monitoring and evaluating of MCO activity.

Solicitation for Comments on Exchanges

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is soliciting comments from a broad range of stakeholders in regards to the formation of a health benefit exchange. Some areas identified for comment include: Functions, Eligibility and Employers, Health Plan Participation, Market Rules, Risk Sharing, Structure and Governance, Financing, and Consumer Outreach and Education. However, any additional comments are welcome and due to the Office of Health Policy on May 17, 2011. KY Voices for Health will be submitting comments in response to this solicitation and will likely hold a conference call prior to the comment date to assist organizations with the development of comments.

KY Health Reform Web Page

The Cabinet has released a KY-specific health reform web page. This was a request that KVH made when the coalition met with the Governor and Secretary in the fall. The site can be accessed at <http://healthcarereform.ky.gov/Pages/home.aspx>. It does not appear that the web page is linked from the CHFS site or the DOI site and not sure how folks would access this if they did not have the exact link. KVH will follow up with the Cabinet on this.

Removing Brokers Commissions from MLR

There are continued efforts to weaken the medical loss ratio (MLR) by removing brokers commissions from being considered an administrative expense per the calculation. The KY Dept. of Insurance is sympathetic to the concerns of brokers. There is federal legislation that is growing support that would remove brokers commissions from the equation.

Make prevention a priority for Kentucky's health policies and programs.

Smoke Free Updates

The Smoke Free Resolution continues to be circulated to support the state-wide smoke free initiative. There is likely to be testimony before the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare this summer. Local efforts continue to seek smoke-free communities.

Physical Activity

Advocates are waiting to see who is going to be appointed to the Task Force on Childhood Obesity. Kosair Hospital noted that encouraging physical activity and addressing obesity issues is a top priority. They are working with the National Association of Children's Hospitals to address trends and best practices. Kosair has a pedometer program with a nutritional and educational component that is being implemented in several areas in Kentucky.

Worksite Wellness

KVH is a sponsor of the Kentuckiana Healthcare Collaborative and Partnership for a Fit Kentucky worksite wellness conference in Louisville on May 18.

Coalition Updates

- 501c3 Update – KVH has submitted the 501c3 application and will be transitioning funds and bookkeeping to its own accounts. The coalition will be setting up a nominating committee to expand the Board of Directors.
- Proposed Quality Conference – Jodi Mitchell is meeting with stakeholders in the quality arena to propose a quality symposium for late August. There are a lot of efforts in KY underway in different “silos” seeking to improve quality. This conference would seek to identify the ongoing efforts and possible gaps in comparison with the National Quality Agenda. Mitchell met with Dr. Davis, Department of Public Health/CHFS to seek their support of such a symposium.
- Enroll Kentucky– KVH continues to convene interested parties for Enroll KY. A one pager defining the coalition is being drafted. The national launch is expected in May/June and Enroll KY will likely release a statement in conjunction with national launch.

- Speakers' Bureau Requests - <http://kyvoicesforhealth.com/speakersbureau.html>
Jodi Mitchell informed the coalition of continued outreach to communities across Kentucky to educate on the health reform law and its effects on Kentuckians. A list of outreach events was made available. The Speakers Bureau web page includes the speaker's request form and posting of media coverage resulting from this KVH outreach.
- Calendar Postings – send to kvhexec@kyvoicesforhealth.org

Jodi Mitchell indicated that KVH has become more active in the following coalitions: KY Health Literacy (Humana), KY Cancer Consortium (steering committee), Healthcare Excel Partners Practicing Quality, UAW/Ford Kentuckiana Healthcare Collaborative, and Passport KCHIP Coalition.

Stakeholder Updates

Rich Seckel spoke about efforts to address SSI/Disability payments for refugees. A joint letter is being circulated for sign on. There was agreement that KVH could support this effort in conjunction with the KVH priority on access to care. The letter will be circulated to KVH members for review and sign on.

Kevin Middleton, United Way, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in KVH and commended the information and collaborative efforts of the coalition.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 23 - 1:00-3:00 PM in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex.