



Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Capitol Annex, Room 171 – Frankfort, KY

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees:

Joan Buchar, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Marie Cull, KY Hospital Association
Pat Delahanty, Catholic Conference
Darlene Eakin, KY Optometric Association
Bob Gray, KVH Policy Consultant
Richard Heine, Friedell Committee
Brandon Hurley, Anderson Cty. Health Dept. (representing both KHDA/KPHA)
Betsy Janes, American Lung Association
Anne Joseph, Covering KY Kids and Families
Christin Miller, Advocacy Action Network

Jodi Mitchell, KVH
Germaine O’Connell, KY Council on Developmental Disabilities
Lisa Rice, Dept. of Behavioral Health
Sheila Schuster, KVH Co-Chair, Advocacy Action Network
Rich Seckel, KVH Co-Chair, KY Equal Justice Center
Steve Shannon, KY Association for Regional Programs
James Sharp, American Cancer Society
Bruce Smith, Mental Health America

Participating by Webinar

Luke Barlowe, National Patient Advocate Foundation
Stacey Ellis, AstraZeneca
Dean Johnson, Seven Counties Services
Mary Nicholson, KVH Local Leader
Heidi Schissler Lanham, Protection & Advocacy

Jodi Mitchell called the meeting to order with introductions by all in attendance. The meeting summary for the Oct. 19th meeting was reviewed with no questions or revisions.

The coalition reviewed the draft KVH Priorities document. Jodi Mitchell explained that the priorities are consistent with past initiatives and have been refined to update references to efforts on health reform implementation and to include a separate priority to reflect efficiency and effectiveness, given work on Medicaid cost containment and delivery system reforms. The priority related to children’s health was also broadened. Rich Seckel indicated that the draft priorities were well-vetted by the leadership team and shared with all stakeholders for review and comment. Sheila Schuster added that the broadening of priorities was done deliberately to allow the priorities to reflect the ongoing mission of the coalition.

Anne Joseph inquired as to whether the integrated health reference should read “oral/dental.” Bob Gray advised that the common reference related to coverage is “medical, vision, dental.” Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to keep the verbiage as is.

Germaine O'Connell suggested the rewording of the third bullet under the efficiency/effectiveness bullet to read: "Reform delivery of long-term care to allow older Kentuckians and people with disabilities to live in the community of their choice." Revision accepted.

Sheila Schuster suggested revising the second bullet of the children's health priority to read: "Encourage school districts to implement the components of Coordinated School Health." Revision accepted.

KVH Priorities were approved as revised.

Betsy Janes provided an update on the Smoke Free Kentucky Coalition and invited KVH Stakeholders to participate in the Smoke Free Summit on December 13. Event information was posted on the KVH calendar.

The meeting continued with a discussion of some of the specific KVH campaigns/initiatives. Jodi Mitchell provided a brief status update of considerations related to the development of health insurance exchange in Kentucky.

Richard Heine stressed the importance of addressing health acquired infections (HAI's) and the need for greater transparency and reporting.

Joan Buchar raised the issue of practical living in schools and State Board of Education position on physical exercise.

Rich Seckel added that KVH needs to monitor administrative action through state plan amendments, waiver proposals and regulations, particularly in the area of long term care options.

There was a discussion about KVH activity in response to initiatives of interest. KVH will continue to use issue briefs, press conferences, sign-on letters, and sharing of information as methods of advocacy and coalition-building.

Sheila Schuster added that the coalition is likely to play "defense" regarding Medicaid and the threat of Medicaid cuts, which could prove to be a politically-charged issue. Dean Johnson indicated that he attended the GLI Luncheon recently with the Governor and asked a question regarding saving the Medicaid program from cuts. The Governor responded that he hope to avoid cuts at all costs.

Stakeholders expressed interest in public forum dialogue on exchanges. It is unclear when the Administration would be holding these forums as part of the exchange planning grant received through the ACA. KVH has advocated for a website on health reform implementation in KY and KVH leadership previewed a demo site, but no action has yet been taken by the Cabinet to make this live.

KVH continues to respond to requests and invitations to speak on health reform and what it means for Kentuckians. Jan Clark indicated that the program has been selected for the American Bar Association meeting in June with Jodi Mitchell and Bob Gray presenting on behalf of KVH and the Health Care Law Section.

Jodi Mitchell also described presentations provided to Hardin County Health Service Providers and KY Council on Area Development Districts. KVH continues to stress that the coalition is providing objective information and is not taking a position on the law.

In correspondence with the Department of Insurance, it was indicated that the Consumer Assistance Program will be managed in-house at the Department with an ombudsman to be hired. The ombudsman will serve as the point of contact for consumer advocates.

Attendees discussed issues related to the insurance mandate, “Cadillac tax”, reference to Obamacare, and small business impacts.

Lana Stephens, KVH Web/Design consultant, reviewed some of the recent updates to the KVH web site and called attention to the stakeholder web survey to solicit feedback on the web site. Stakeholders were encouraged to fill out the survey handout or the online survey tool to provide input on the content, usage, and possible updates for future consideration.

The final meeting of the Medicaid Cost Containment Task Force (MCCTF) saw no recommendations being released. Task force members were instructed to provide committee staff with feedback for a final report. Given the Passport issues, it is likely that attention will focus on managed care and Medicaid oversight and accountability. The question remains: is managed care cost-effective and does it save the state money? During the MCCTF meetings, there was ample support for managed care and the capitated payment model. Richard Heine suggested support for case management and its proven success.

Other Stakeholder Updates:

- Anne Joseph discussed the Hunger Healthy Children Act and efforts to undermine child nutrition provisions.
- Jodi Mitchell advised the coalition that Articles of Incorporation have been filed and bylaws for KVH as an organization are in process. She also mentioned possible future interest in a federal coverage initiative (Enroll America) and engaging in dialogue on quality improvement.

Next Meeting Dates:

- It was agreed by attendees that 2011 meetings will take place on the 4th Monday of every month from 1:00 -3:00 and will likely take place in Frankfort. Meetings will also be available by web/conference call. Meeting information will be placed on the KVH web calendar. Next Meeting: Jan. 24, 1:00-3:00, Capitol Annex