



Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Capitol Annex, Room 171 – Frankfort, KY

MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance:

Luke Barlowe, National Patient Advocate Foundation
Steve Bryant, American Diabetes Association
Marie Cull, KY Hospital Association
Susan Dunlap, Susan Dunlap Insurance Agency, Versailles
Bob Gray, KVH Policy Consultant, Taylor-Gray Associates
Betsy Janes, American Lung Association
Anne Joseph, Covering KY Kids and Families
Jodi Mitchell, KVH
Sarah Nicholson, KY Hospital Association

Germaine O’Connell, KY Council on Developmental Disabilities
Nicole Palilonis, KVH Intern
Tihisha Rawlins, AARP
Rich Seckel, KY Equal Justice Center
Steve Shannon, KY Association for Regional Programs
James Sharp, American Cancer Society
Patricia Tennen, KY Youth Advocates
Laurel True, AARP
Catherine Waits, ARNP, Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives

Participating by Webinar

Sheila Schuster, Advocacy Action Network
Heidi Schissler Lanham, Protection & Advocacy
Ann Marie Regan, KY Equal Justice Center
Audrey Darville, UK Healthcare
Joan Buchar, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky

Guests: DJ Wasson, Department of Insurance

Jodi Mitchell called the meeting to order with introductions by all in attendance. The meeting summary for the Sept. 14th meeting was reviewed with no questions or revisions.

Stakeholder Report

- Betsy Janes and James Sharp discussed a resolution by the Smoke-Free Kentucky Coalition and encouraged KVH stakeholders to join this effort. Janes had provided a ppt presentation on Smoke-Free previously therefore the background information was not provided again. Sheila Schuster noted that the resolution is consistent with the KVH priorities and suggested KVH sign on. Hearing no objections, KVH endorsed this effort.

Health Reform

DOI Presentation

- DJ Wasson provided an overview of the draft DOI legislation. She indicated that the legislation includes conforming amendments to comply with the health reform law and does not address the insurance mandate or the insurance exchange provisions. Patient

protections currently in KY law will remain. Some of the definitions have been changed to comply with the federal law. Ms. Wasson noted that Section 13 was simply enabling language to allow the Department to use regulatory authority. Where there is conflict between state and federal statute, preemptive provisions that are stronger in protecting consumers remain. Anything that is not in the Affordable Care Act but in state law will still apply (e.g. Any Willing Provider (AWP)). Ms. Wasson discussed the Internal/External Appeals section.

- While the Department has some administrative authority to implement the federal law, there are some issues that will have to be brought before the General Assembly such as community rating, underwriting, and exchanges.
- A question was raised regarding capacity to implement reforms. Ms. Wasson indicated that the DOI received a \$215,000 grant to do additional research on rate reviews and to hire analytical staff. It was noted that increased transparency was part of this effort.
- It was noted that there will be 10 town hall forums to seek input on the exchange.

KVH Meeting with CHFS

- Jodi Mitchell, Rich Seckel, and Sheila Schuster met with the Cabinet to discuss greater transparency in regard to health reform implementation. A comprehensive website for Kentucky health reform implementation was also discussed. The Cabinet indicated that they are applying for all funding opportunities available. Health delivery system reform was discussed and the Secretary expressed emphasis on improving quality. The Cabinet is engaged with federal HHS staff on a daily basis. Secretary Miller has unique experience as both a former Commissioner of Insurance as well as being the Cabinet Secretary over Medicaid.
- Laurel True referenced concerns with current resources allocated to long-term care and community waivers. This was an area that was discussed with the Cabinet and there is a concern about the small numbers of persons being enrolled. It has been suggested that KVH consider publishing an issue brief on waiver programs.

Medicaid Cost Containment Task Force

- Steve Shannon summarized the task force discussions on fraud/abuse from the last meeting. The task force indicated support for expanding managed care in KY.
- Sarah Nicholson noted the tension between the task force and the Administration and the request by the task force to have the Cabinet testify at the next meeting to provide its recommendation on efficiencies.

Smoking Cessation

- Audrey Darville provided an overview of her poster presentation highlighting advocacy efforts in KY centering on funding for the Medicaid Smoking Cessation program. There

has been a delay within Medicaid in releasing materials about the benefit and how providers and consumers are to access it.

Prefiled Bills of Interest

- A draft tracker was shared of prefiled bills relating to healthcare, Medicaid, prevention/wellness, etc. There was a discussion about the tracker format and adding a disclaimer so that there is not a direct reference to KVH. This was meant for information purposes only and not as a KVH advocacy document.

KVH Day at the Capitol

- Jodi Mitchell shared an idea about possibly holding a KVH Day at the Capitol to expand the visibility of the coalition and showcase the broad stakeholder involvement in the coalition. There was a concern about stakeholders duplicating efforts with their own advocacy days. A “health fair” format was discussed. This topic was tabled.

Stakeholder/Event Updates

- American Cancer Society Lobby Day – Feb 8
- Children’s Advocacy Day – Feb 17
- KCDD Breakfast – Feb 23
- 874K Coalition Advocacy Day with Gubernatorial Candidates’ Forum – Feb 24

- KCDD is offering their PPACA search engine to any KVH stakeholders who want to access the service. Contact Germaine O’Connell for more information.

Next Meeting Dates:

- November 11, 2010 – hosted by KY Domestic Violence Association (postponed until December)