

Adequate Health Care Task Force
Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 26th, 2006
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Michael A. Bilandic Building
160 North LaSalle Street, Room N-502
Chicago, Illinois

Illinois Public Act 93-0973, formerly House Bill 2268, creates the Health Care Justice Act and encourages the State of Illinois to implement a health care plan that provides access to a full range of preventive, acute, and long-term health care services; maintains and improves the quality of health care services offered to Illinois residents, and meets other criteria. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is required, subject to an appropriation or availability of other funds, to enter into a contract with an "independent research entity" experienced in assessing health care reforms, financing, and care delivery models. The provisions of this legislation establish an "Adequate Health Care Task Force" with 29 voting members: five to be appointed by the Governor, and six appointments made by each of the four leaders of the General assembly (the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader, and the President of the Senate and the Senate Minority Leader). The Directors of the Departments of Public Health, Public Aid, Aging, and Insurance, along with the Secretary of the Department of Human Services, are to be invited to meetings of the "Adequate Health Care Task Force," but are not included in the Task Force's membership. The Department of Public Health is required to be "the primary agency in providing administrative support" to the Task Force.

This legislation provides for public hearings in each Illinois Congressional District, and a website detailing the work of the Task Force, accessible through the Governor's internet home page, is to be established and maintained. Printed copies of Task Force information are to be made available for persons who lack access to the Internet website. A Task Force report, detailing recommendations for a health care access plan as specified within the legislation, is to be submitted to the General Assembly by March 15, 2006. The bill encourages the General Assembly to consider legislation enacting the Task Force recommendations by December 31, 2006. The Act took effect July 1, 2004.

Steering Committee Members in Attendance: David Koehler; Dr. Wayne Lerner, Chair; Joseph Roberts (via telephone); Ruth Rothstein; Dr. Quentin Young

Steering Committee Members Absent: None

Illinois Department of Public Health Staff: David Carvalho; Mike Jones; Sarah Duggan Goldstein, Elissa Bassler Sherry Sherman

Guests: Stephani Becker; Elena Butkus; Gwyn Davidson; Megan Meagher; Margaret Stapleton; Jim Duffet; Catherine Bressler

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Wayne Lerner, Chair, called the Adequate Health Care Task Force Steering Committee meeting to order at approximately 2:00PM.

II. Introduction of Members

After calling the meeting to order, Dr. Lerner asked Steering Committee members and IDPH staff members to introduce themselves.

II. Discussion of the Outcomes of the Adequate Health Care Task Force Meeting

Dr. Lerner asked the Steering Committee how they thought the prior Task Force meeting went. It was agreed that the meeting was good and that in general there was an optimistic feeling among the task force members that consensus would be reached on a final proposal. The steering committee commented that some members of the task force may be concerned about successful completion of their mission, but this opinion may be changing.

III. Discussion Regarding the Entity/Steering Committee Work Plan

The Steering Committee moved into a discussion regarding the timeline of events and work plan for the summer and early fall. From the proposed schedule by Navigant, the process would end on October 25th 2006. The committee briefly discusses moving past this deadline, or keeping to the October 1st deadline that was originally targeted for the task force to complete their work. Dr. Lerner proposed that the task force target the October 1st deadline, or risk being caught not only in the complexity of the task the committee is charged with, but also the mechanics of the process.

Gwyn Davidson, previously introduced to the task force at the March meeting, reviewed the timeline outlined in the current proposal and presented a document that highlighted the key dates for submission or production of materials. In order to keep to the proposed timeline, the strategies (models) would need to be submitted to Navigant by the Task Force on June 26th, 2006. This requires time for the task force to review models, analyze and discuss them before submitting them to Navigant. The committee considered options on Navigant's participation in the process. Options included submitting components of plans to Navigant and having them propose final models, or submitting models to Navigant and having Navigant review, analyze, and report on them, reporting back to the task force.

The question is raised as to how the public hearings will be reflected in these models. This information, in conjunction with the previous proposal presentations to the task force should be incorporated into the decision making process and model selection.

The committee discussed ways to structure the May 9th and May 23rd discussions of the Task Force and engage the members in dialogue that will allow the important shared interests and core components of the plans to rise to the surface. Methods of how to create consensus based on the diverse interests and voices that comprise the task force are discussed, including those used in the Interest-Based Bargaining process. Other proposals include the use of a matrix and/or Venn diagrams to identify components of proposals that map to the eight components. In general, it was suggested that the eight points previously decided on from the last meeting be used as a framework in considering the proposals. A process for evaluating components of the proposed models and the models themselves should be identified.

The committee decided to devote time at the May 9th Task Force meeting to identifying core components, interests and boundaries. The May 23rd meeting will be devoted to evaluating all proposals that have been presented to the

committee thus far, and identifying how the proposals match or resonate with the key issues identified at the previous May 9th meeting.

IV. Comments from Non-Steering Committee Task Force Members

Questions were raised as to how proposals that are presented after May will be incorporated into the model building process, if the discussion is to begin May 9th. The committee assured that the process would be inclusive, incorporating valuable components and revisiting proposals through the summer, assuring that even proposals later in the process have the potential to be adopted by the task force.

V. Adjournment

Dr. Lerner adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 PM.

Action:

- IDPH staff will create summaries of all plans proposed for review at the May 23rd meeting.
- IDPH staff will develop a schedule for future Task Force and Steering Committee meetings.
- IDPH staff will prepare meeting minutes prior to the next Steering Committee meeting.

Next Meeting:

The Steering Committee will meet immediately after the Task Force meeting (approximately 1:30PM) on Tuesday, May 9th, 2006. This meeting will take place in room N-502 of the Michael A. Bilandic Building located at 160 North LaSalle Street in Chicago, IL.

The following Steering Committee meeting will take place immediately after the Task Force meeting (approximately 4:00PM) on Tuesday, May 23rd. This meeting will take place in room N-502 of the Michael A. Bilandic Building located at 160 North LaSalle Street in Chicago, IL.