

Adequate Health Care Task Force
Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 23rd, 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; Ruth Rothstein; Dr. Quentin Young

Steering Committee Members Absent: None

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

Guests: Stephani Becker; Elena Butkus; Gwyn Davidson; Lynn Taylor; Heather Brown-Paulson; Megan Meagher; Margaret Stapleton

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 and the Steering Committee reviewed the results of the Task Force meeting. All members agreed that the process of selecting plans to send to the research entity was productive, and that the discussion among task force members was good. The Steering Committee noted that a benefit of the process was that members of the task force are able to listen and hear what is important to other Task Force members. Overall the process has illuminated the fact that the relationships among Task Force members are important and need to be preserved. The Steering Committee looks forward to the next steps in the process.

II. Task Force Workplan and Scheduling

In order to ensure that the process is iterative, the Steering Committee discussed how the Task Force should move forward in conjunction with the research entity. Specifically, given that there are many ways to move forward, how can the Steering Committee help the Task Force to assemble pieces from the assorted plans in a way that resonates with a majority of the Task Force Members? Given that one plan will not meet all the requirements of the Task Force, what is the best way to review the plans to see how well each of the plans fits with both the charge of the task force and the interests that the Task Force has identified?

As a reminder for the Steering Committee members, the proposed schedule of events going forward was reviewed. The research entity will have eight weeks to gather information on the options chosen by the committee. The resulting product of the research entity should include an analysis on how the plan options fit when compared to the criteria that are included in the charge of the task force. After the Task Force reviews these plans at the July meeting, the research entity will have three weeks to incorporate any changes from the task force members, these revised plans will be presented at the August meeting, where a final plan will be chosen. Research entity staff expressed concern that three weeks may be an insufficient amount of time to incorporate changes if what is requested by the Task Force deviates substantially from the plans prepared by the staff. Steering Committee members comment that substantial requests from the Task Force are unlikely, rather, the Task Force members will most likely require additional information or make requests for slight changes.

In order to accomplish this work plan according to the proposed dates and to allow for adequate time for discussion among the Task Force members, the Steering Committee recommended that a full day of discussion be devoted to reviewing the models presented by the research entity. This will occur at the July meeting. Materials will be sent to the Task Force Members prior to this meeting, a reminder will also be sent to the Task Force members alerting them to the schedule changes and Task Force work plan moving forward.

III. Agenda for Subsequent Task Force Meetings

The Steering Committee decided that based on the proposed work plan, all remaining presentations be scheduled for the June 27th meeting. This would include all speakers previously scheduled for the May 23rd meeting, the June 27th meeting, the July 25th meeting and the August 15th meeting. The July meeting would consist of an all day discussion

of the models developed by the research entity, as well as a presentation by Navigant Consulting. Although there was brief discussion as to whether this discussion should take place at the June or July meeting, it was decided that the July meeting will be preferable.

IV. Adjournment

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

Action:

- The research entity will model the proposed plans for presentation to the Task Force by July 25th.
- 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, June 27th, 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, July 25th, 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.