

Adequate Health Care Task Force  
Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday May 9th, 2006  
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

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

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*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.*

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**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; Margaret Stapleton; Catherine Bressler

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## **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Dr. Wayne Lerner, Chair, called the Adequate Health Care Task Force Steering Committee meeting to order at approximately 2:45PM.

## **II. Introduction of Members**

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

## **III. 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 surmised that the meeting was very fruitful. Steering Committee members were pleased that all task force members were engaged in the process and agreed it was a successful meeting.

## **IV. Discussion Regarding the Schedule for the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

It was suggested that in order to stay on schedule, all presenters for the 23<sup>rd</sup> be rescheduled to subsequent meetings. This would allow for the task force to devote the entire meeting period to deliberations on model selection. Other members commented that because presentations are very short, perhaps morning presentations could be accommodated, leaving the afternoon session for discussions. After the 5/23 agenda discussion has finished, it was agreed that rescheduling speakers for subsequent meetings is needed. All speakers will be rescheduled for the June or July meeting.

## **V. Material preparation for May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

In order to prepare for the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, it was recommended that the list of "interests" generated as a result of the task force meeting be tabulated and distributed to the research entity as soon as possible. As alternatives to simply listing all bulleted items, there was discussion of whether some compiling of similar interests can be done. It was recommended that both the full set of interests and a condensed list be distributed to the task force. This list of interests will then be used as part of a matrix to map the task force interests against the plans that have been presented to the task force.

It was recommended that the summaries of the plans be printed on large sheets of paper so that task force members are able to review them "at a glance". It was also suggested that the matrix be printed on large paper as well, but as this may prove to be difficult to read and interpret, it was decided that this will be a handout for the task force members.

It was decided that summaries of all proposals will be created, including summaries of certain State plans that the task force may be interested in. In addition, a matrix will be created that includes all of the task forces interests, the stakeholder proposals and State plans.

## **VI. Agenda for May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

The steering committee discussed the schedule for the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The steering committee agreed that neither the research entity nor IDPH staff should eliminate any of the interests from the list in creating the matrix, nor should any of the interests be weighted. Any weighting of Interests or prioritization should be done by the Task Force themselves.

The committee decided that the morning session of the meeting will be designated for the research entity to present the summaries of documents as well as the matrix to the committees. There will then be a break for lunch, after which the committee will resume discussion of the materials that have been presented and being to select 4-6 models for further discussion.

There was discussion surrounding how the Task Force will deliberate on the proposals and begin the selection process. It was questioned whether an interest based bargaining approach could be used. Others suggest that a voting process could be used, which could be repeated to eliminate proposals or components. In general, the steering committee agreed that the creative interest based bargaining process will allow for all task force members to be engaged and will allow a manageable number of plans to rise to the surface.

It was suggested that a portion of the next steering committee meeting be devoted to determining the criteria for which the models will be evaluated, and also include discussion of how the next task force meetings will be structured to ensure that a final proposal is ready by October 1st.

## **VII. Comments from Non-Steering Committee Task Force Members and Guests**

One guest expressed concern that Task Force members might not be aware of the consequences of implementing a plan from another state within Illinois. It was recommended that the Task Force be advised of potential problems of this process. The steering committee responds that all summaries will be very factual in nature, and that they will include potential implementation problems and/or benefits for Illinois.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Dr. Lerner adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:45 PM.

### **Action:**

- All speakers previously on the May 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda will be rescheduled for a subsequent meeting.
- IDPH staff will type up all interests listed at the 5/9/06 Task Force meeting.
- The research entity will create summaries of all plans proposed for review at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- The research entity will create a matrix for use at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will take place in room N-502 of the Michael A. Bilandic Building located at 160 North LaSalle Street in Chicago, IL.