

**Adequate Health Care Task Force  
Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 25th, 2006  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Michael A. Bilandic Building  
160 North LaSalle Street, Room N-505  
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, Wayne Lerner, Joe Roberts, Quentin Young

**Steering Committee Members Absent:** Ruth Rothstein

**Illinois Department of Public Health Staff:** Elissa Bassler, David Carvalho, Sarah Duggan Goldstein

**Guests:** Catherine Sreckovich, Gwyn Davidson, Candace Williamson, Heather Brown-Palsgrove (Navigant Consulting); Lynn Taylor, Deborah Chollet (Mathematica)

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

Dr. Wayne Lerner, Chair, called the Adequate Health Care Task Force Steering Committee meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

## **II. Creation of an October Meeting**

There was discussion of a proposed date for the October meeting. October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are proposed. The court reporter present mentioned that these dates conflict with another State of Illinois meeting and therefore no court reporter would be able to attend. October 26<sup>th</sup> is proposed and accepted. The meeting will convene from 10:30am – 4:30pm.

IDPH staff will send an e-mail noting the time and date of this meeting immediately following the Steering Committee meeting.

## **II. Plans for Subsequent Meetings**

It is expected that at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting the “final vetting “ of the plans will take place, in which one or two (or two or three) plans, or components of plans will be chosen to move forward. The final recommendations for a model or models for final review will be made. In September there will be a final vote and recommendations, and in October the final product will be presented.

## **III. Revisions/Comments to Plans**

There was discussion on how both presenters of the models reviewed at this meeting and task force members will be able to submit comments or changes to the models. The Steering Committee specifically indicated that no major revisions should be made to the models as a whole; rather this should be a process of correction and/or addition, to make sure that the plans remain intact. It was recommended that the proposers work with the Research Entity (specifically, Gwyn Davidson) to communicate their revisions. So that the Research Entity is able to present a revised document to the Task Force by the 11<sup>th</sup>, comments would need to be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that each author (or groups of authors) of the models have a conference call with the Research Entity to understand their methodology prior to submitting comments. If, after these conference calls, the authors still have comments, they will have 48 hours to submit them. All comments will also be submitted to David Carvalho at IDPH.

IDPH staff will send e-mails to the task force members and the authors of the proposals detailing the procedure for submitting comments to the Research Entity as soon as possible.

## **IV. Agenda for August 15th Task Force Meeting**

It was suggested that the next meeting not have substantial debate, but consist of a review in the morning session, a break for lunch, and then discussion after the break. The proposed plans will be

compared with the evaluation points to see what fits and what does not. It was anticipated that issues such as the Employer Mandate and Individual Mandates will have to be addressed.

## **V. Discussion of the Hybrid Plan**

There was discussion among the Steering Committee members that the hybrid plan did not look as the committee anticipated, and the SC was surprised that it did not score 100 on the matching scale. The Research Entity responded that this mainly had to do with the access and benefits that are mandated by the HCJA legislation, and also due to the scoring.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Dr. Lerner adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 PM.

### **Next Meeting:**

The Steering Committee will meet immediately after the Task Force meeting (approximately 4:30PM) on Tuesday, August 15th, 2006. This meeting will take place in room N-505 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 4:30PM) on Tuesday, September 26th, 2006. This meeting will take place in room N-505 of the Michael A. Bilandic Building located at 160 North LaSalle Street in Chicago, IL.