

**Health Care Cabinet Subcommittee
Legislative Initiative Review Work Group**

Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017
450 Capitol Avenue Room 2B
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Present: *Chair* - Ted Doolittle (OHA), Kristin Campanelli and Yelena Bachar (CID) and (Sherri Koss-minutes)

Via Telephone: Pat Baker (CT Health Foundation), Susan Adams (Masonicare), Nichelle Mullins (Charter Oak Health Center), Jill Zorn (Universal Health Care Foundation), Krista (DSS), George (DDS), Dina

Introductions

Introductions were made by all parties

Public Comment

No public comment

Minutes from July 31, 2017

Susan Adams motioned to accept as is, Pat Baker seconded, no nays. All approved - motion passed

Materials Reviewed/Discussed

Reviewed and discussed the Yale Study "Curbing Unfair Drug Prices". List of state bills (appendix) bears resemblance with charge of this committee. Ted questions if this is the model we want to use –more analysis. Pat feels a column should be added – impact; Ted, please clarify – in talking about impact - what's the measure; Ted impact = reduction/control on drug prices – we can use this format; Pat says yes. Ted - Pat you are praising this and format is usable for this group w/additions. Jill problem with impact with regard to transparency – hard to measure impact right now - not much we can say; Pat agrees, even if we don't know important to say – help to increase conversation. Jill suggests "purpose" Pat suggests "desired outcome". Dina – one thing helpful some bills went through metamorphous and didn't pass on its own. Ted questions what other resources we can use to get the most updated information; how do we accomplish with limited resources of our own. Jill questions how often NCSL is updated; doesn't feel any of the sources presented today are updated regularly. Ted – wants a resource that identifies a lot of different approaches even if one update is missed - will be helpful to our sister groups. Ted asks for any suggestions on resources/contacts; questions whether he should invite someone from NCSL to speak to the group or chair to reach out preliminary; are there folks with experience trying to round up legislation and other policy initiatives to share their experiences; any suggestions. California still meeting but most legislative sessions are over, might be a moment in time to get accurate account of what happened to these bills. Good idea to have an idea to know what legislation is out there. Dina suggests there is Coalition to Protect Patients Choice keeps records on pharmacy stuff (David Balto). Jill suggests - Families USA – not sure how up to date; Jill can get a current list – probably less extensive than Yale paper. Match category to what other committees looking for. Pat – anyone

from the AGS office looking at this legislation; Ted - other committees have AG reps on it; is the charge of our committee to find stuff or make judgements on its usefulness; Ted – this group not analyzing; bringing info in.

Pat who is analyzing, how is the work of the various groups coming together – if we are researching and presenting who's assessing information; Jill other three works groups doing policy; Pat – are we working together so work isn't duplicated; Ted – maybe guidance from Vicki or other Chairs;

Susan –Chairing Education Committee in the same boat; designing what should be, but have not designed content. Some of it would come from other 3 groups – depends on who audience is; working on why and how's; maybe guidance from Vicki is helpful; Jill – research we should be doing about how other consumer education has been designed. Susan – looking to level playing field – make sure communication going out is consistent and appropriate for grade levels; what education is going to be will be next step – measurement; quality; talking strictly to pharmacists, physicians; define diff receiver which will decide what education levels will be. Make sure provider knows costs when prescribing RX or ask about ability to pay – making sure everyone understands if it will be used effectively; Jill anything this group should can do to help your group? Susan – need to make a definition of what key components are – wonderful piece form Yale don't think this list will be utilized between providers and patients – way to look at information that comes with RX – what are other states doing with their education; research to include this information would be helpful.

Susan need to define key components of Education:

- Difference levels of recipients
- Different needs of education between recipients

Pat:

Clarity of purpose – multiple purposes –

- education objections vs policy objectives – different products for different objectives

Pat thinks for legislation these are good leads. Won't get you state actions that have been taken; Ted - group agrees something similar to appendix might be helpful but not necessarily list of bills; will discuss with Vicky what the other groups might benefit from. Jill- administrative – how do you know what others states are doing such as state employee plan/Medicaid plan; how do we get or do we get; Ted – identify a couple of states to reach out to; ones that are ahead of the curb. Ted to work on his to do list and report back to the group;

Next Steps

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 1:00 PM – OHA offices or call-in

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.