

**Health Care Cabinet Subcommittee
Legislative & Administrative Initiatives Review Work Group**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

450 Capitol Avenue Room 2B

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Present: *Chair* - Ted Doolittle (OHA); Pat Baker (CT Health Foundation), Sherri Koss (Minutes)

Via Telephone: Susan Adams (Masonicare), Jill Zorn (Universal Health Care Foundation) and Krista Ostaszewski (DSS), Kristin Campanelli (CID); Eric Weinstein (CID); Jenna Lupi (SIMS)

Introductions

Meeting opened at 12:03 PM and Introductions were made by all parties

Minutes from September 19, 2017

Pat Baker motioned to approve as they stand, Jenna Lupi seconded, no nays. No discussion All approved - motion passed

Public Comment

No public comment

Progress Report

Ted updated group on talks with Mr. Cauchi at NASHP (National Academy for State Health Policy). Pulling together chart heavily from and influenced by the Yale chart and add some additional resources. Frances Padilla sent around drug transparency laws from California Governor Brown. Susan Adams forwarded to her group and sent to Vicki Veltri. Assuming she will send to HCC. Discussion of new California laws intended to shine light on how drugs are priced; requiring pharmaceutical companies to notify the state anytime they plan to raise cost more than 16% over two years and will have to provide justification for the raise. Ted plans to do some more research on this. Law passed within the last two days. Another bill passed California legislature; governor not sure if he will sign. Bill dealt with drug pricing law. Jill – believe Governor Brown signed bill 265 regarding coupons. Lots of coupons to assist consumers with cost; States trying to cut back on use of copay coupons, encourages the use of more costly (Name brand) drugs; Lots of controversy around this law.

Ted asks if anyone has contact at Massachusetts Policy Council; Pat has lots of mass contacts, will be happy to follow up; Pat to supply Ted with a name. Ted stated that Mr. Cauchi felt someone at the council would have good info. Jill shared that Massachusetts has an annual 2 day cost hearing pertaining to cost trends. 2016 hearing paid a lot of attention to prescription drugs. Jill to send Ted link. Other groups trying to pull things together for middle to end of November. Ted hoping to have a product that may have some utility. Pat asks, what's our lane vs. some of other work groups. Give us guidance to make sure we are not wandering and staying focus. Ted responds had conversations with Vicki and combined chairs, our group has limited mission. May not be as critical as originally plan.

Conversation regarding NASHP contacts; Ted will include Jill Zorn; Ted to get details to Jill.

Jenna – offers to do anything that Ted is not able to get to in order to get us up to speed; anything others should dive into; Ted to send around some materials

Next Steps

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2017

Adjournment

Pat Baker motioned to adjourned; Jill Zorn - seconded

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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