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CHIP PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2010

8:30am-10:00am

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In Attendance:

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| Michael Bardin, Scripps Health | Danae Ramirez, County of San Diego |
| James Beaubeaux, San Diego County Medical Society | Maria Lourdes Reyes, M.D., Project Concern International |
| Ruth Covell, M.D., UCSD School of Medicine | Dana Richardson, CHIP |
| Kristin Garrett, CHIP | Gary Rotto, Council of Community Clinics |
| Stephanie Gioia, County of San Diego | Beth Ruland, CHIP |
| Debra Kelley, American Lung Association | Barbara Ryan, Rady Children's Hospital |
| Karla Kelly, Eisner & Kelly | Caroline Smith, County of San Diego HHS |
| Lindsey Masukawa, Asm. Saladana | Lisa Sontag, HASDIC |
| Jill Monroe, County of San Diego | Sara Steinhoffer, Sharp HealthCare |
| Kamal Muilenburg, SDBHC/SDHCC | Judith Yates, HASDIC |
| Cheryl Moder, CHIP/COI | |

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| I. <u>Welcome / Introductions:</u> | 8:30 am | Muilenburg |
| <p>All Members Introduced themselves.</p> <p>It was announced that Dana Richardson would be the CHIP staff lead for the Public Policy Committee.</p> | | |
| II. <u>Updates / Discussion:</u> | | |
| a. Health Reform | 8:35 am | All |
| <p>It was noted that the March 16th Rally for Health Coverage Overhaul was a success.</p> <p><i>The information below reflects the conversation at the 3/25/2010 Public Policy Meeting with the understanding that the status of healthcare reform may have changed since this time.</i></p> <p>President Obama signed a Senate health reform bill (HR 3590) into law on Tuesday, March 23rd.</p> <p>Several states have rallied together to file a lawsuit to sue the federal government over the bill. Although there has been discussion that California may join this lawsuit; no official ruling has been made to join this effort.</p> <p>A ballot initiative, Senate Constitutional Amendment 29 (SCA 29), was introduced that would require key aspects of health reform to be approved by voters before they would be accepted and implemented. Similar proposals have been introduced in other states.</p> <p>The Public Policy Committee will continue to monitor the health care reform process, and will take action as appropriate..</p> | | |
| b. State Budget (MHSA funding) | 8:45 am | All |

The Committee discussed updates on the State Budget; highlights from this discussion include:

- In Home Support Service (IHSS) eligibility is yet to be determined. It is expected that eligibility restrictions will be introduced with strict guidelines and the expectation that the regulations will loosen or become more liberal as the State receives pushback from stakeholders.
- Although there has been discussion regarding redirecting funds from Mental Health Service Act (MHSA); CHIP MHSA related grants (including the Suicide Prevention Action Plan) will continue.
- It was noted that the State Budget would rely on the outcome of the 1115 Waiver (see below for details on the 1115 Waiver discussion).

c. County Budget

8:55 am

All

The County of San Diego was recently awarded a \$16.1 million grant from the U.S. HHS to support efforts in reducing childhood obesity and increasing physical activity in order to promote physical activity and nutrition. The grant money will be used to support systems change, including public policy implementation and mobilizing local communities to address barriers to physical activity in nutrition in local communities.

The specific programs and work plans associated with this 2-year initiative are still in the process of final development; contracts have yet to be signed. Further information will be available once the leadership committee (including Supervisor Roberts and Supervisor Slater-Price) reaches a final contractual agreement.

Action Item: C Smith offered to send the Public Policy Committee a document to outline the grant programs.

Of this new funding entering San Diego County, it is anticipated that CHIP will be awarded \$1 million to both augment the San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative (COI) and facilitate broad community leadership to address implement local policies that enhance physical activity opportunities in local communities and improve healthy food access.

The County announcement regarding receipt of the new funding advertises that the grant programs “support the County’s Health Strategy Agenda”; however this Agenda has not yet been approved by the Board of Supervisors. It was mentioned that the purpose of the grant is to promote comprehensive childhood obesity efforts; and supports many prevention philosophies and strategies, including the “3-4-50 campaign”. The Committee mentioned that hospitals have not been shown specific Health Strategy Agenda plans and similarly, have not yet endorsed the Agenda.

In the application process, San Diego County received accolades for its collaborative efforts and was awarded the largest pot of money among grantees nationwide for prevention. S Steinhoffer congratulated S Gioia on her continued efforts in childhood obesity prevention dated back 7-8 years ago, which has led to San Diego County earning its reputation in childhood obesity prevention efforts.

The Public Policy Committee will continue to discuss the County Grant and its activities at future meetings.

d. 1115 Waiver

9:00 am

Muilenburg

K Muilenburg led a discussion on the 1115 Waiver; highlights from this discussion include:

- The 1115 Waiver is designed to increase comprehensive and efficient care to result in long term savings to the State.
- Although the 1115 Waiver was designed to be budget neutral; it may be difficult to address the broad range of issues included in the Waiver without increasing expenditures.
- It was noted that, as of yet, there is not a group dedicated to working on the financial model of this plan. The Advisory Committee is a closed committee, and there is not representative on the Committee from San Diego.
- The Waiver addresses individuals who are eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicaid (dual eligibility). It is uncertain what effects Medicare providers will experience if the State focuses funds on Medi-Cal and relies on the federal government to supply additional Medicare funds.
- Many services are at risk for elimination, including the California Children’s Services (CSS).
- The Committee noted that although setting up the infrastructure for an effective managed care program can prove costly, preventative efforts and outcomes would provide long-term savings.
- It was suggested that State extend the Waiver deadline in order to gather community input and develop an effective, community-supported solution.

e. HHSa Strategy Agenda Letter

9:05 am

Garrett

A letter was sent to the County HHSa including a summary of feedback received from CHIP Committees on the Health Strategy Agenda (see HHSaHealthStrategy_letter2_Macchione_030110_FINAL.docx for further details).

CHIP has not received a response from the County regarding this correspondence; the Committee will continue to monitor progress with the HHSa Strategy Agenda.

C Smith noted that HHSa plans to approach the Board of Supervisors in late June/early July for approval of the Health Strategy Agenda.

f. California Cancer Research Act

9:10

Kelley

D Kelley provided the Committee with an update on the California Cancer Research Act; highlights from this discussion include:

- The California Cancer Research Act is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association and the American Heart Association; and proposes a \$1-per-pack increase in cigarette taxes.
- Approximately 75% of the increased taxes will be allocated for research; approximately 23% will contribute to tobacco control programs, with a small portion dedicated to enforcement.
- The Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) will administer the funds received to smoking related research programs.
- The proposed act is a ballot initiative (and not a constitutional amendment). The campaign is currently collecting signatures in hopes of including the Act on the November 2010 ballot.

The Public Policy Committee requested that D Kelley continue to provide updates on the progress of the campaign. The Committee did not take a position on the California Cancer Research Act at this meeting.

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| g. CHIP Position - Health Equity / Built Environment Addressing the Social Determinants of Health | 9:15 | Moder / Richardson |
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Please note, this section of the minutes were amended based on the conversation from the 4/22 Public Policy Committee Meeting.

D Richardson led a discussion regarding CHIP’s role in addressing the social determinants of health.

At the March 24th CHIP Steering Committee Meeting, an informal group was formed to flesh out the idea of CHIP’s role in addressing the social determinants of health and frame how CHIP is best suited to address these issues at the local level. The following persons volunteered to be a part of this work group: J Beaubeaux, A Blatt, R Covell, C Moder, D Richardson, K Shultz, and S Steinhoffer. Please contact D Richardson (drichardson@hasdic.org) if you are interested in participating in this group.

The Public Policy Committee discussed its role in taking a position on CHIP’s work relative to this issue. The Committee determined that in order to make a more informed decision, that an education presentation would be a logical “next step” and the best course of action leading into the future.

Action Item: D Richardson to meet with the “informal work group” to (1) flesh out this idea and how it relates to CHIP and its programs and (2) develop a presentation for the Public Policy Committee.

The Public Policy Committee will receive updates on this topic as available.

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| III. <u>Announcements / Sharing</u> ▪ One-e-App presentation (next meeting) | 9:50 | All |
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The Committee noted that they would be interested in receiving a presentation on the One-e-App.

Action Item: K Garrett to schedule a One-e-App presentation for the April Public Policy Committee meeting.

S Gioia mentioned two other County pilot projects regarding Food Stamps and related technology that may be appropriate to discuss in context of the One-e-App. The Committee requested further information.

Action Item: S Gioia to provide the Committee with additional information on the two County pilot programs.

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| IV. <u>Adjournment</u> | 10:00 am | Mullenburg |
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Next Meeting: April 22, 2010

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