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**CHIP PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE**  
***Meeting Minutes***  
**June 24, 2010**  
**8:30 am- 10:00 am**  
CHIP Offices  
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**In Attendance:**

Jillian Barber, Sharp HealthCare  
Lynda Barbour, American Cancer Society  
Michael Bardin, Scripps Health  
Bud Beck, M.D., 2-1-1 San Diego  
Aaron Byzak, UC San Diego Health Sciences  
David Conn, Mental Health Systems, Inc.  
Dale Fleming, County of San Diego  
Kristin Garrett, CHIP  
Stephanie Gioia, County of San Diego  
Rosemarie Marshall Johnson, M.D., SCDMS  
Foundation  
Karla Kelly, Karla R. Kelly APLC, CHIP Legal  
Counsel  
Lindsey Masukawa, Assembly member Saldana

Eric McDonald, CHIP  
Cheryl Moder, CHIP/COI  
Jill Monroe, County of San Diego  
Kamal Muilenburg, SDBHC/SDHCC  
Danae Ramirez, County of San Diego  
Dana Richardson, CHIP  
Beth Ruland, CHIP  
Caroline Smith, County of San Diego HHS  
Lisa Sontag, HASDIC  
Sara Steinhoffer, Sharp HealthCare  
  
Lindsey Wade, HASDIC

- I. Welcome / Introductions: 8:30 am K Muilenburg/  
S Steinhoffer

All members introduced themselves.

- II. Group Debriefing: 6/23/10 Special HHS Strategy Discussion 8:35 am All

The Public Policy Committee spent time discussing the 6/23 Special Health Strategy Agenda Presentation, given to CHIP Committees. In accordance with the Public Policy Committee's voting procedure, the group then took a "sense of the body" vote on: the recommendation of CHIP to support the County Health Strategy Agenda Strategic Plan.

During the "sense of body vote", everyone in attendance voted to support this recommendation. Next, a vote was taken among designated CHIP member representatives; in this vote five people supported (HASDIC, SDCMS, Scripps Health, Sharp HealthCare, UCSD Medical Center) this recommendation, one member abstained from voting (County of San Diego). Therefore, the CHIP Public Policy Committee recommended to the board the following:

*"The CHIP Public Policy Committee recommends that the CHIP Board of Directors support the County Strategic Plan as it is outlined for health improvement and prevention without implementation detail; with the reservation that the plan does not fully address the critical and unresolved issues of organizing and funding care for the safety net population, particularly in light of the 1115 waiver and healthcare reform."*

In addition, the Committee was encouraged to communicate specific concerns to legislative representatives.

### III. Updates:

#### A. 1115 Waiver and Board Letter

8:45 am All

The Committee discussed updates on the 115 Waiver and a letter regarding County Indigent Health Services that was recently submitted to the County of San Diego Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB).

*The information below reflects the conversation at the 6/24/10 Public Policy Meeting with the understanding that the status of the 1115 waiver has changed.*

Highlights from this discussion include:

- This letter has been docketed for the June 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- It was noted that the intent of releasing this letter was to communicate with the community and the Board of Supervisors, with a goal expanding the Coverage Initiative to include additional services.
- The Committee discussed the Coverage Initiative Approval Process. It was noted that there may be a disconnect in the approval process, as the State Legislature reviews the waiver independently.
- The proposed recommendations shift the reimbursement structure of the Coverage Initiative and would provide County staff more authority in negotiating terms and contracts.
- Details on reimbursement fees, terms for non-network service providers and implementation plans have not yet been determined.

#### B. State Budget

9:20 am State  
Assembly  
reps.

Members of the Public Policy Committee contributed to a roundtable discussion on the State Budget and its impacts on health services.

*The information below reflects the conversation at the 6/24/10 Public Policy Meeting with the understanding that the status of the budget and legislation has changed since this time.*

Highlights include:

- A Senate Democratic proposal was recently released that shifts liability and accountability of many programs to the County in hopes that moving services closer to the people will promote efficiency and innovation.
- It was noted that although the County is given the responsibility to implement additional programs; eligibility and caps are set by the state, making it difficult to predict the costs and effects at the local level.
- An estimate on the potential impacts of State Budget Cuts to the County of San Diego can be found on the County's website:  
([http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/Portal/docs/FY2010-11ProposedStateBudgetPotentialCountyImpacts\\_summary.pdf](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/Portal/docs/FY2010-11ProposedStateBudgetPotentialCountyImpacts_summary.pdf)).
- The Senate is scheduled to recess on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. There have been speculations that the upcoming elections will encourage legislators to expedite budget approval.

#### IV. Social Determinants of Health

##### A. Feedback from May Presentation

9:40 am All

The Committee discussed H. Madanat's presentation on the Social Determinants of Health, presented at the May 27<sup>th</sup> Public Policy Committee meeting. Additionally, a follow up document to the social determinants of health discussion was disseminated for the Committee's consideration.

It was noted that:

- Several CHIP projects (COI, HEAC) currently address neighborhood and social conditions, and policy issues that affect public health outcomes.
- Collaborating with non-traditional partners to affect public health outcomes could yield reciprocal benefits for providers and the broader community
- This philosophy parallels with the County Health Strategy Agenda.

##### B. Committee Considerations

9:45 am D Richardson/  
All

The Committee held a roundtable discussion on CHIP's role in addressing social determinants of health.

It was noted that CHIP's strengths of collaborating and bringing together diverse partners would lend itself well to facilitating discussions on health issues in context of the social determinants of health.

Yet, some issues related to social determinants of health are outside of the purview of the Public Policy Committee. The Committee agreed that they would be interested in receiving educational presentations regarding social determinants of health/non-traditional efforts to address health issues, yet wishes to remain balanced in its focus.

The Committee noted that the philosophy of addressing Social Determinants to improve health outcomes seems to align with CHIP's mission. However, it was suggested that a concerted, strategic position would be better addressed through the CHIP Board of Directors/Executive Committee.

#### V. Adjournment

10:00 am K Muilenburg/  
S Steinhoffer

**Next Public Policy Committee Meeting: July 22, 2010**