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CHIP PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2010

8:30 am- 10:00 am

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In attendance:

Michael Bardin, Scripps Health	Maria Lourdes Reyes, M.D., Project Concern Int.
Bud Beck, M.D., 2-1-1 San Diego	Dana Richardson, CHIP
Aaron Byzak, UC San Diego Health Sciences	Beth Ruland, CHIP
David Conn, Mental Health Systems, Inc.	Barbara Ryan, RCHSD
Kristin Garrett, CHIP	Rene Santiago, SD County HHSA
Stephanie Gioia, County of San Diego	Caridad Sanchez, Office of Sen. Boxer
Debra Kelley, American Lung Association	Shreya Sasaki, Kaiser Permanente
Karla Kelly, Karla R. Kelly APLC, CHIP Legal Counsel	Emily Schmidt, San Diego Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Cheryl Moder, San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative/CHIP	Ana Sepulveda, Mental Health Systems, Inc.
Jill Monroe, County of San Diego	Lisa Sontag, HASDIC
Kamal Muilenburg, SDBHC/SDHCC	Scott Suckow, Mental Health Systems, Inc.

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

All members introduced themselves.

- II. Approval of Minutes 8:35 am K Muilenburg/
S Steinhoffer

Minutes from the previous meeting will be included as meeting handouts moving forward.

The Committee will review minutes from the July and September meetings at the October Meeting.

- III. Roundtable Discussion: 1115 Waiver (includes Coverage Initiative) 8:40 am R Santiago /
M Bardin / All

The Committee contributed to a roundtable discussion on the 1115 Waiver.

The information below reflects the conversation at the 9/23/10 Public Policy Meeting with the understanding that the status of the 1115 waiver has changed.

Highlights from this discussion include:

- The current 1115 waiver officially expired on August 30th. A new proposal is now under review that addresses, among other things: (1) using the new 1115 waiver to give California flexibility in addressing the Medi-Cal population through the Coverage Initiative (C.I.) and; (2) implementing a Hospital Financing Option to supplement payment to hospitals (private and public) and reform Medi-Cal system into organized systems of care.
- The expanded Coverage Initiatives may prove a tool to help California make certain

changes to ease into healthcare reform.

- The Federal Government has the authority to give flexibility under the 1115 waiver as long as the proposals result in “budget neutral” outcomes. It was noted that the state of the California budget may complicate this process.
- The State wants to accelerate certain standardized benefits and eligibility requirements; but is difficult to implement as counties administer the C.I. differently. California may be able to leverage additional federal funds if C.I. eligibility expansion is approved.
- Changes in the House of Representatives may affect appropriations of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. It may be risky for California to implement certain pieces of legislation before they are mandated and finalized.
- The 1115 Waiver is an especially complex issue for San Diego due to its unique public/private systems of care.

San Diegans for Health Care Coverage (SDHCC) and the County of San Diego joined forces to apply for a grant to assist in facilitating stake holder processes regarding the 1115 Waiver.

The Committee will continue to include the 1115 Waiver Update as a standing agenda item during their monthly meetings.

IV. Proposition 23

9:10 am

D Kelley/ C
Moder / All

D Kelley provided an overview of Proposition 23; highlights include:

- Proposition 23 (Prop 23) would suspend Assembly Bill 23 (AB 23) requiring reduced green house gas emissions that cause global warming until California’s unemployment rate drops to 5.5 percent or less for four consecutive quarters.
- AB 32 has a wide range of support from elected officials (including Supervisor Ron Roberts), to renewable energy and healthcare organizations.

C Moder provided an overview of Senate Bill 375 (SB 375, Steinberg, Statutes of 2008); highlights include:

- SB 375 may an overlapping agenda item for the Committee as it enhances the ability to affect the goals of AB 32.

The Committee spent time discussing AB 32 and SB 375; highlights from this discussion include:

- The Committee discussed economic and environmental effects of Proposition 23, and the effects of California’s history of leadership in setting national air regulations. It was noted that it is difficult for Chambers of Commerce to consider this measure due to complex fiscal aspects of the bill. Some have stated that the success of AB 23 will be determined through its implementation.
- It was noted that there is a delicate balance between livable communities, built environment and access to jobs.

D Kelley asked the Committee to consider taking a position on Assembly Bill 32.

It was noted that the Committee did not receive information from parties opposing Prop 23. The Committee determined that they did not have enough information to take a position at this time.

Action Item: CHIP to send information on Prop 23 to the CHIP Board of Directors; as individual organizations may want to take a position.

Finally, the Committee discussed its role in participating in political conversations and the need to

create a policy for taking Committee Positions.

The Committee will continue this discussion at the October 28th Public Policy Committee Meeting.

V. CHIP Transition 9:30 am K Garrett

K Garrett informed the Public Policy Committee that the Hospital Association (HASDIC) and CHIP Boards of Directors have agreed to transition CHIP to an independent 501c3 organization (currently CHIP is a supporting organization of HASDIC). CHIP filed to reclassify its 501(c)(3) status with the IRS in September and is waiting official determination before any further plans are finalized.

VI. Updates:

A. Healthcare Reform 9:40 am K Muilenburg

It was noted that a press conference announcing new provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at La Maestra Community Health Center.

B. Updates 9:50 am D Richardson/
- Needs Assessment Public Forums All

The Needs Assessment Regional Meetings wrapped up on Thursday, September 16th. Charting the Course VI: 2010 Community Health Needs Assessment is scheduled to be published in December 2010.

It was noted that not all were aware that the meetings were designed to be regionally focused.

VII. Announcements/Sharing 9:55 am All

The November Public Policy Committee was rescheduled to Thursday, December 2nd, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

VIII. Adjournment 10:00 am K Muilenburg/
S Steinhoffer

Next Public Policy Committee Meeting: October 28, 2010