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CHIP PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2010

8:30 am- 10:00 am

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In attendance:

Michael Bardin, Scripps Health	Cheryl Moder, CHIP
Lynda Barbour, American Cancer Society	Beth Ruland, CHIP
David Conn, Mental Health Systems, Inc.	Barbara Ryan, RCHSD
Melanie Cohn, CHIP	Emily Schmidt, San Diego Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Kristin Garrett, CHIP	Ana Sepulveda, Mental Health Systems, Inc.
Rosemarie Marshall Johnson, M.D., SDCMS Foundation	Caroline Smith, County of San Diego HHSA
Debra Kelley, American Lung Association	Charlene Zettel, San Diego Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

- I. Welcome / Introductions: 8:30 am K Garrett

All members introduced themselves.

- II. Approval of Minutes 8:35 am K Garrett

(Committee will review July and September meeting minutes)

Minutes from the July and September Public Policy Meetings were approved.

- III. Public Policy Committee: 8:45 am K Garrett

A. Position Policy

The Committee spent time discussing its position policy and decided to revise its policy, in order to encourage full discussion and present information from all sides of an issue before recommending a position. The CHIP Board of Directors will review the Public Policy Committee Position Policy in 2011.

Moving forward, CHIP Staff will be responsible for providing the necessary information (either by scheduling educational presentations or distributing information) to allow the Committee to obtain a well rounded understanding of an issue that is discussed at meetings.

Action Item: K Garrett to update the CHIP Public Policy Position Policy document.

B. 2011 Co-Chair

S Steinhoffer resigned as the Public Policy Committee co-chair. According to CHIP Policy, at least one Committee chair must be from a CHIP member organization.

The Committee spent time discussing replace filling the vacant co-chair position.

It was decided that the Committee would send recommendations for the Public Policy Co-Chair position to Kristin Garrett (kgarrett@hasdic.org). The Public Policy Committee will

vote on a co-chair replacement at the December 2nd meeting and bring to the Chairman of the Board for approval.

Action Item: B Ruland to send the Committee an email requesting nominations for the co-chair position.

IV. Updates:

A. State Budget 9:05 am C Zettel

C Zettel gave an update on the State budget; highlights include:

- Healthcare issues were a central focus of the budget discussion, especially considering high demands for health care services and potential for changes that may occur after the November 2nd elections.
- Although many cuts were made, the new budget was designed to allow California to allocate resources more effectively and better utilize federal funds and reimbursement opportunities.
- Detailed information on the California State Budget can be found on ebudget.ca.gov.

The Committee spent time discussing its role in: (1) engaging legislative staff and representatives from the Department of Finance in order to become more engaged in the political processes (including drafting budgets) and; (2) communicating back to legislators.

B. 1115 Waiver and Coverage Initiative (C.I.) 9:30 am All

The information below reflects the conversation at the 10/28/10 Public Policy Meeting with the understanding that the status of the 1115 waiver has changed.

The Committee spent time discussing the §1115 waiver proposal; highlights from this discussion include:

- A new §1115 waiver proposal is currently under review. As currently outlined in the proposal, public and private hospitals are funded through different mechanisms; private hospitals may need to take additional measures to obtain funding for Medi-Cal reimbursement.
- Changes in federally matched rates may complicate issues surrounding Hospital fees and Hospital tax rates.
- The County of San Diego may not be able to administer C.I. on its own under the current State terms. The County is waiting to see the terms and conditions that were added in the trailer bill before it releases any further plans to implement C.I. under the new waiver.

The Committee requested to discuss more specific information regarding the §1115 waiver at the December 2nd meeting.

C. Healthcare Reform 9:35 am All

The Committee spent time discussing recent updates in healthcare reform, including health exchange, Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP), Mental Health Parody, Coverage Expansion and Individual Mandates. It was noted that many changes may occur after the November 2nd elections.

It was noted that information and updates related to healthcare reform can be found at www.healthcare.ca.gov and www.pcip.ca.gov.

The Committee agreed to include Healthcare Reform on the December 2nd Public Policy Committee agenda.

D. Proposition 23 – Follow Up 9:50 am K Garrett

As follow up from the September meeting, K Garrett noted that information regarding Proposition 23 will be sent to the CHIP Board of Directors, as individual organizations may want to take a position. (CHIP did not take a position on Proposition 23).

Action Item: K Garrett to send information on Proposition 23 to the CHIP Board of Directors.

V. Announcements/Sharing 9:55 am All

- The San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative (COI) held a forum titled “Uniting Redevelopment & Public Health: Using Redevelopment to Create Healthier Communities” on Wednesday, October 13th. It was noted that this forum was well received and offered an opportunity to unite built environment and health professionals together.
- The San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative is hosting a Legislators’ Breakfast: *The Role of Local Government in Creating Healthy Communities* on Friday, November 12th from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at El Comal Restaurant (3946 Illinois Street, San Diego, CA 92104). Contact Melanie Cohn (mcohn@hasdic.org) to register.

VI. Adjournment 10:00 am K Garrett

Next Public Policy Committee Meeting: December 2, 2010