

Consumer and Small Employer Advisory Committee Meeting

- > **date:** November 12, 2014
- > **building:** MNSure Office, 81 East 7th Street, Suite 300, St. Paul, MN 55101
- > **time:** 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- > **members in attendance:** Jin Lee Johnson – Chair, John Freeman – Vice Chair, Kathryn Duevel – Board Member, Julia Johnson (via phone), Gladys Chuy (via phone); Aaron Sinner – Board and Federal Relations Specialist, Debby Dill – Board and Federal Relations Coordinator
- > **members unable to attend:** Joan Carchedi, Claudette Moran, Hussein Sheikh, Jama Mohamod, Valerie Jensen

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Call to Order

Jin Lee Johnson, Committee Chair

The meeting began at 1:25 p.m. There were not enough members present for a quorum, so Jinny Johnson said she would wait until 1:45 p.m. for other members to arrive. In the meantime, they would move forward with discussion items that did not need a quorum.

Staff Update

Aaron Sinner, Board and Federal Relations Specialist

Aaron Sinner reported that there were no committee meetings currently scheduled for 2015. At Jinny's request, Aaron agreed to send out a "Doodle" invitation asking for days and times that work best for everyone after the new members are confirmed by the Board.

Board Update

Kathryn Duevel, Board Liaison

Kathryn Duevel gave a report summarizing the last Board Meeting. The Board will be assembling a work group that will address active purchaser. There will be a variety of groups who will have input to this work group, including the Consumer and Small Employer Advisory Committee.

The message staff and the Board would like to get out this enrollment period is that even though consumers have the option to be auto-renewed into their current plans, it is in their best interest to return to MNSure and actively consider all their options. This will be the only way to ensure consumers receive the plan that is best for them. Additionally, MNSure is the only place to obtain the tax credits.

Regarding system readiness and operational readiness, Kathryn said MNSure staff and MN.IT reported that many blockers are falling away and that contingency plans are in place. The focus is

to have the partners and outreach programs help as much as they can. Everyone is working many, many hours to be sure that the system is up and running well.

Kathryn also reported that the Board is aware that they will be approving new members for the Advisory Committees at the next Board Meeting. The new Committee members will be at the December 9th Committee meeting. Kathryn has invited a facilitator to help integrate the committee membership.

Kathryn offered to answer any questions that members had. Jinny asked how far along the Board was with the work group addressing active purchaser. Kathryn said that Brian Beutner, Board Chair, was currently working on appointing members.

Jinny also asked if assisters will receive payment if they help a consumer with a renewal. Kathryn was not sure if this would be the case and said that she would look into it.

Public Comment

Carrie Blandin of Fairview asked if the auto-renewal system was being tested and ready for open enrollment. Kathryn answered that from all the information she has received, MNSure has contingency plans for the parts of the system that are not fully automated. Carrie asked if the contingency plans were all internal or would outside partners need to be involved. Kathryn stated that semi-automated and manual processes would be internal.

Clark Schroeder, an MPA Student at Hamline, asked about out-of-network coverage, especially for emergency care. John Freeman commented that this issue affects consumers no matter their deductible, as the deductible does not matter for out-of-network care. Kathryn noted this is an issue across the country and that networks are addressed in Minnesota through network adequacy standards. The Committee could bring this issue into its active purchaser discussion.

Wrap-up and adjourn

Jin Lee Johnson, Committee Chair

The meeting was called at 1:50 p.m. by Jinny due to lack of attendance, a quorum not being present.