



MNsurance Health Industry Advisory Committee Minutes (DRAFT)

May 28, 2015, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

500 Stinson Boulevard NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Participants in attendance: Reuben Moore – Chair, Forrest Flint – Vice Chair, David Dziuk (via phone), Kate Johansen (sitting in for Ken Bence), Andy McCoy, Heidi Michaels, Jin Palen (sitting in for Jonathan Watson), Chuck Sawyer, Jonathan Watson (via phone), Ghita Worcester; Phil Norrgard – Board Member, Aaron Sinner – Board and Federal Relations Policy Specialist, Debby Dill – Board and Federal Relations Coordinator

Not in attendance: Ken Bence, Samuel Boadu, Christopher Johnson, Harlan Johnson, Stacey Ko, Melissa Larson

Meeting Topics

Welcome – Previous Meeting Recap & Agenda Review

Reuben Moore, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Reuben Moore, Chair. Reuben thanked UCare and Ghita Worcester for the use of their facilities.

Motion: Forrest Flint moved to approve the [draft March meeting minutes](#). Kate Johansen seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Reuben informed the Committee that Barb Zwiener has resigned her seat, as she has taken a position in Arizona. Reuben introduced Phil Norrgard to the Committee.

Board Update

Phil Norrgard, Board Member

Phil informed the Committee that the terms for Board members Brian Beutner and Thompson Aderinkomi have ended. Governor Dayton will be appointing two new members, but there is no date as to when that will occur. Phil stated that once the appointments are made, the Board will assess who would best serve as the liaison for the HIAC.

Phil reported that Scott Leitz has resigned as MNsure CEO and that the Board appointed Allison O'Toole as the Interim CEO. The Board and staff are familiar with Allison and have great confidence in her. The Board is also beginning the search for a permanent CEO.

The regular legislative session has come to an end and there were no changes to MNsure's governance structure. The Governor will be appoint a taskforce comprised of 29 individuals charged with examining health care financing in Minnesota as a whole, including MNsure and MinnesotaCare.

Other legislative changes include the removal of some of MNsure's exemptions from certain laws as it transitions away from being a "start-up." Phil reported the biggest change is that MN.IT will be helping control the IT builds and will review the setting of IT priorities. There was also a change to better align MNsure's appeals process with that of other state agencies.

Committee members asked questions related to the consulting work done by Deloitte and the priority list it created. Phil explained that Deloitte was brought in last year to do an assessment of MNsure's process and IT programs. Deloitte completed that work and its contract has ended. Phil reported that MNsure and MN.IT are currently working from an IT Release Plan available in the Board meeting materials.

Committee members inquired about the status of the Market Development Work Group proposals. Phil reported the work group is working on final drafts of the letter that will be sent to the carriers regarding health plan innovation. Kathryn Duevel will be meeting with carriers in the near future to share the ideas from the work group. Kathryn will let the carriers know that this is a collaborative process and that MNsure will work with them.

Andy McCoy asked if the grant from the federal government will be spent during the required timeframe. Phil answered that the deadline to use the grant funding was extended by the federal government until the end of next year. This grant is being used for the IT build and the list of IT priorities that the Executive Steering Committee has set.

Ghita asked Phil if the HIAC's opposition to the use of active purchaser this year was communicated to the Board. Phil said that the Board did know that the HIAC did not support the use of active purchaser. Phil also said that if the Committee has a list of IT tools Committee members would like to see implemented and they think are important, they should share that list with the Board and the Executive Steering Committee.

Jin Palen asked about the work being done around public programs. Phil said that they need to provide a system that will provide the counties the support they need to do their jobs and help those that need it.

Chuck Sawyer asked for details about the impact MNsure has had on the mechanics of public programs. Phil answered that the MNsure system as it currently exists has made it easier to make eligibility determinations but harder to manage cases. He also noted DHS recently unveiled a hotline that they are using to respond to emergency public programs enrollment cases.

Open Discussion

Reuben Moore, Chair

Reuben stated that he wants to take an opportunity to do a reset for the Advisory Committee as the Committee looks ahead and sets its agenda for the upcoming months. He noted the Committee has open seats and asked if members wanted to recommend to the Board that they be filled. Committee members suggested possible areas that could use stronger representation, including:

- University of Minnesota
- Pharmacy
- Wellness
- Rural
- Mental health
- Nurses Association

Committee members also discussed waiting to fill the seats until the Board has appointed a permanent liaison to the HIAC.

Reuben stated that by a consensus of the members, the Committee would like to recommend to the Board that it open up the seats on this Committee.

Reuben said he would put together a survey of topics for Advisory Committee members to help set the Committee agenda over the next year. Reuben also said CSEAC and HIAC leadership will meet later in the summer and will discuss a joint meeting.

Ghita raised the issue of finding someone to present on the actuarial value of the different metal levels for plans. She noted that since the Committee has been unable to find someone to present on the topic, perhaps a member of MNsure staff could do so. Aaron Sinner said he would speak with staff and see if anyone would be willing and able to present on the topic.

Industry Updates & Adjourn

Reuben Moore, Chair

Motion: Heidi Michaels moved to adjourn. Andy seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.