

AR Federally-facilitated Exchange Partnership Planning Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Meeting Chair: Cynthia Crone
Meeting Facilitator: David Sodergren
Minutes Taken By: Tangelia Clary-Marshall and LeAnn Rollans

Date: May 24, 2012
Time: 3:00p to 5:15p

Attendees

Members:

Rep. Mark Biavano
Lenita Blasingame
Jim Couch
Cindy Crone
Jennifer Flinn
Rep. Barry Hyde
Joni Jones
Dr. Cal Kellogg
Kurt Knickrehm
Dr. Drew Kumpuris
Dr. Creshelle Nash
Dr. John Shellnut
Rich Huddleston (on behalf of Anna Strong)
Dr. Joe Thompson
Justice Annabelle Imber Tuck

Guests: Dolores Chitwood
Don Fields
George Gorman
Donna Lambert
Dan Honey
Derrick Smith

Staff/Consultants: Rich Albertoni-PCG-Conference Call
Zane Chrisman-AID
Tangelia Clary-Marshall-AID
Bruce Donaldson-AID
Kathy Grissom-First Data
Will Roark-AID
LeAnn Rollans-First Data
David Sodergren-First Data
Jim Waldinger-PCG-Conference Call
Craig Wilson-ACHI

Absent

Members: Andy Allison
Herb Sanderson

Meeting Notes

Item #	Description of Discussion	Action/Issue Item Number (if applicable)
I.	Cindy Crone, Arkansas Insurance Department, opened the meeting and welcomed the Steering Committee and guests. All attendees introduced themselves.	
II.	Dave Sodergren, First Data, discussed what was to be accomplished by the Steering Committee during the meeting.	
III.	<p>Consumer Assistance Advisory Committee Co-Chair Dr. Creshelle Nash provided an overview of Question 1 in the Consumer Assistance Advisory Committee Issue Brief: "In addition to the required responsibilities of Navigators outlined in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), what additional goals and/or principles does the Committee believe the Arkansas Navigator Program should adopt to guide its' work?"</p> <p>The recommendation was made to adopt the goals and/or principles as stated in the Recommendation document provided to the committee.</p> <p>Motion was made by Dr. Creshelle Nash and seconded to accept recommendation. Vote was 14-0 in favor of recommendation.</p>	
IV.	<p>Consumer Assistance Advisory Committee Co-Chair Kurt Knickrehm provided an overview of question 2 in the Consumer Assistance Advisory Committee Issue Brief: "Given ACA guidance, does the Committee believe that Brokers and Producers should be able to participate as Navigators?"</p> <p>The Consumer Assistance Advisory committee recommendation to the Steering Committee was to allow Insurance brokers and producers to become Navigators if they so chose.</p> <p>Motion was made by Kurt Knickrehm and seconded to accept recommendation. Vote was 14-0 in favor of recommendation.</p>	
Action Item	Navigator Program – What is federal response to scenario of conflict of interest within an insurance agency/office. For example, is it considered a conflict if they were to have an employee that was a certified Navigator and therefore more likely to direct person down the hall to their agent/broker? Assigned to Sandra Cook for follow up response.	AI001
Action Item	Ensure that the areas that need Navigators have Navigators available proportionate to the need. Concern that the areas with the greatest need are also those that are least likely to have Navigators. Assigned to Sandra Cook for follow up response.	AI002
Parking	Discussion around how Navigators will be paid. Committee was advised	PL001

Lot	they will be paid through Navigator entity grants. Committee expressed interest in finding out as soon as possible what the estimated amount of Navigator grants will be, how this amount will be determined and how the Navigator program operations will be funded.	
V.	<p>Plan Management Advisory Committee Co-Chair, Justice Annabelle Imber Tuck provided an overview of the Plan Management Advisory Committee meetings and their recommendations to the Steering Committee.</p> <p>Clarification provided that the state must declare their Essential Health Benefits no later than September 30, 2012.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the Steering Committee was that Arkansas choose the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO plan as Arkansas's EHB plan.</p> <p>Following discussion that included the issue of state mandated benefits, the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the motion was made by Dr. Cal Kellogg and seconded that any one of the three small group plans be chosen as our EHB.</p> <p>Motion carried by a vote of 13-1.</p>	
Action Item	The selected EHB should meet the Bright Futures recommendations for preventive care for children. Need to make sure the "treatment" part is included in the Bright Futures recommendations or else this may not be the best baseline. Assigned to Zane Chrisman.	AI003
Action Item	<p>If choosing plan with in-vitro fertilization in it, need to look at actuarial experience such as of Blue Cross/Blue Shield.</p> <p>Cal Kellogg to provide additional information regarding potential exposure/impact to the state. Assigned to Zane Chrisman.</p>	AI004
VI.	Closing-The Steering Committee was reminded that the next meeting will be held on June 28, 2012 at the Arkansas Insurance Department, Suite 201.	