

Meeting Details	
<b>Meeting Date &amp; Time:</b>	09/25/2013 at 3:00pm- 5:00pm
<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Steering Committee Meeting
<b>Meeting Summary by:</b>	Tangelia Marshall,
<b>Mode of meeting</b>	In person
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Members:</b> Edward Anderson, Lenita Blasingame, Jim Couch, Joni Jones , Haley Keenan-Gray, Drew Kumpuris (phone), John Shelnut, Anna Strong, Dr. Joe Thompson , Annabelle Tuck</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Suzanne Bierman, Andy Davis, Jodiane Tritt</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> Seth Blomeley, Zane Chrisman, Sandra Cook, Tonmoy Dasgupta, Tracey Dennis, Carder Hawkins, Tangelia Marshall , Ashley Odom , Dave Sodergren, Amanda Spicer , Debbie Willhite , Craig Wilson</p>
<b>Attachments* (Agenda, Handouts, PPTs, etc.):</b>	

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Meeting Notes:
<p>Dave Sodergren of First Data opened the meeting at 3:05p. Lenita Blasingame chaired the meeting.</p> <p><b>Licensing application update</b></p> <p>Sandra Cook reported that over 1,000 individuals have passed Phase III training since September 12, 2013. To date, The Arkansas Insurance Department (AID) has received approximately 700 applications for licensing. Of the applications received approximately 300 are incomplete and 200 remain in License Division for processing. More than 200 producers have been licensed. Sandra also reported that 364 IPA Guides have completed Phase I training. The AID is waiting on information from CCIIO regarding CAC's (6 have completed phase II training so far).</p> <p>Debbie Willhite, AHCD COO, reported that Mangan Holcomb Partners (MHP) contract is on the ALC agenda for review at 10:00a on Monday, September 30, 2013. The AID is looking at contingencies if MHP's contract is not funded.</p> <p><b>Arkansas HIM Board</b></p> <p>Dave Sodergren of First Data reported that the Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM) Board has met. Annabelle Imber-Tuck, HIM Board member, reported that the board has met two times. The board has approved its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The board is in the process of setting up web-based email. Annabelle reported that Sherrill Wise of Dillard's is Chair, Steve Faris, former Arkansas legislator, is Vice-Chair and Chris Parker, a lawyer at a local firm, is Secretary/Treasurer. Legislative Bureau staff and lawyers are also assisting with set-up. The Grant Committee is chaired by Chris Parker. Dave Sodergren of First Data met with the Grant Committee today to start the process for applying for grant funding. The Search Committee chair, Steve Farris, is leading the search for employees. Mike Castleberry is also on the Search Committee. Commissioner Bradford is on the Grant Committee and has been represented by Cindy Crone or Debbie Willhite serving as his proxy for Board and/or Committee meetings. The Grant Committee is meeting weekly. There will be additional Sub-Committees developed down the road.</p>

### **Presidential Support**

Seth Blomeley reported that President Obama urged everyone to encourage people to participate in the Marketplace during today's Presidential call.

Debbie Willhite announced that Monday, September 30, 2013 at noon the Clinton School will host a panel presentation on the Marketplace featuring Cindy, Dr. Thompson and Dr. Allison.

### **Outreach/Ed**

Heather Haywood of the Arkansas Health Connector Division of AID reported the following. There will be a phone bank with KARK Channel 4 on Monday, September 30, 2013 from 5:00am to 9:00am and noon to 1:00pm. There will be an open enrollment launch event on Tuesday at the Clinton School of Public Service, from 10:00am – 7:00pm.

Dave Sodergren pointed out and congratulated Anna Strong, Annabelle Tuck, Cindy Crone and other for recognition by *Talk Business* magazine—see page 4 (monthly report) bullet point four.

Lenita Blasingame reported that AID is working to educate the public to be aware of scams related to the Health Insurance Exchange.

### **Private Option**

Joni Jones reported that beginning day one, the FFM and DHS County Offices will be taking applications of all types. Eligibility determinations will be mailed and may also be sent via email. Joni reported that 52,000 have responded to SNAP outreach letters notifying consumers about their Private Option eligibility. These Consumers are ready to enroll for private option and letters will be mailed on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a two week window before auto-enrollment is applied for consumers that do not complete the enrollment process. Once auto-enrolled consumers will have 30 days to make changes should they wish to do so. Those eligible will come to Private Option portal to select a plan. They will also take a health needs assessment to determine if they would be better served via traditional Medicaid. Joni also reported that DHS's operational readiness review on Monday, September 23, 2013 went well. Currently there is not a timeline for determinations. There have been approximately 2,000 children enrolled. Joni gave a brief explanation of the information needed to start the enrollment process. Family Planning, Breast & Cervical Cancer and Tuberculosis programs will expire on Dec 31, 2013. A letter has been issued to those currently in these programs informing them of steps to take.

### **Guides**

Sandra Cook reported that she has been pleased with the quality of commitment and competence of Marketplace guides she has met so far. Debbie Willhite pointed out that we are still recruiting IPA guides. Phase III training will eventually be all online. Sandra reports UAF & SUN received Navigator grants. Approximately 30 Navigators were funded through the \$800,000 grant funds.

Anna Strong provided a copy of a fact sheet that describes the difference between the four types of IPA assisters (Navigators, CACs, CHCs and Agent/Brokers).

### **Committee Updates**

Dave Sodergren pointed out that our Advisory Committees will need to decide fairly quickly on a topic calendar for next few months. Ashley stated that Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> the PMAC meeting will provide a topic calendar through Fall 2014. Tangelia will send out a recommended topic calendar in advance of the Friday meeting. Ashley announced that plans will be presented Friday at PMAC meeting.

**CAAC**

Anna Strong reported only a small number of members attended the last meeting but it was a good meeting. Arkansas is looking to have approximately 130 IPA's on the ground by October 1, 2013. Coordination of different IPA organizations was discussed. Sandra invited Navigators to participate in biweekly webinars and possibly hold regional meetings. Heather provided a report on outreach outcomes so far. The CAAC also talked about Evaluation of the IPA Guide program (going forward).

**Outreach Events**

Anna reported that State Fair exhibits are planned with IPA Guides and AHCD staff participating. 10 enrollment events are being planned in the counties with the highest uninsured populations for October and November. Street teams will work several of the events. The Asian Festival held in Little Rock is coming up and the street team will be there.

**PMAC**

Annabelle Imber-Tuck reported that the PMAC met on September 13, 2013. The committee discussed the review process for future plan years. Network adequacy discussions began but no recommendations were made. The committee will talk further during the September 27th meeting. There is a need to develop a protocol for Network Adequacy (Geo-access, standards, rural areas, etc.). Ashley Odom of PCG will distribute information on Network Adequacy before September 27, 2013. Annabelle stated that Quality Evaluation will be on the agenda for the October meeting. The PMAC will provide a topic calendar on Friday, September 27, 2013. Ashley added that the PMAC is considering a sub-committee to work on Quality. Dr. Thompson encouraged AID to invite Bill Golden to participate in Quality discussions. Dr. Thompson reported that Arkansas is making good progress on the DHS/Medicaid side. Issues identified so far is QHP's are bound by federal regulations to pay Indian tribal providers a rate set by the Office of Management and Budget, whether or not they are in network. MOU needs will be shared with QHP's on Friday.

**Closing**

Next Steering Committee Meeting will be October 23, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 4:22p

**ARHBEPD Action Items:****Other:**

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