

# HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

September 23, 2010

## MINUTES

Co-Chair Linda Berglin began the Health Care Access Commission informational meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2010, in Room 123 of the State Capitol.

### Members Present:

Senator Linda Berglin, Co-Chair  
Senator Tony Lourey  
Senator John Marty

Representative Thomas Huntley, Co-Chair  
Representative Jim Abeler  
Representative Steve Gottwalt  
Representative Erin Murphy  
Representative Paul Thissen

### Members Excused:

Senator Paul Koering  
Senator Julie Rosen

### Non-Commission Members Present:

Senator Ann Lynch  
Representative Diane Loeffler

Barb Juelich, Budget Director, Minnesota Department of Health, gave an overview of the status of Department grants from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which included:

Abstinence Education  
Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)  
Emerging Infections Program (EIP)  
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant (ELC)  
Health Insurance Exchange  
Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program  
Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)  
State Supplemental Funding for Healthy Communities, Tobacco Prevention and Control, Diabetes Prevention and Control and BRFSS  
Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure  
Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens and Women

Discussion followed with Deputy Commissioner Manny Munson-Regala responding to a question of Chair Berglin. Discussion occurred regarding the insurance exchange before Ms. Juelich concluded her testimony.

Brian Osberg, State Medicaid Director, along with Jerry Kerber, Director of Licensing, Department of Human Services, spoke to the status of funding opportunities in the new health care reform law, specifically:

Title VI – Transparency and Program Integrity  
Nationwide program for national and state background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities; and

Title II – Role of Public Programs  
Money follows the person rebalancing demonstration (existing program)

Director Osberg stated nothing new has been heard on medical homes advanced primary care.

George Hoffman of the Reports and Forecasts Division of the Department of Human Services presented statistics relating to MinnesotaCare Enrollment both for families without children; adults without children; total MinnesotaCare enrollment excluding transitional MinnesotaCare; and projected balances of the Health Care Access Fund. Discussion followed.

Co-Chair Berglin and Representative Thissen gave an update on the progress of the Health Insurance Exchange Work Group.

Co-Chair Huntley and Senator Lourey gave an update on the progress of the Payment Reform Work Group.

John Gross, Director of Health Care Policy at the Department of Commerce, gave an update of the Small Group Health Insurance Market Work Group.

Manny Munson-Regala, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Commerce, and Kathryn Kmit, Minnesota Council of Health Plans, both spoke to the issue of implementing the federal health care reform.

Co-Chair Berglin and Senator Ann Lynch gave an update on the Health Care Workforce Shortage Work Group.

Discussion occurred throughout the testimony.

Co-Chair Berglin adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.



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