



Draft Summary
Low Income Pool (LIP) Council
Wednesday, November 17, 2010
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Members Present

Phil Williams, LIP Chairman
William Robinson
Bill Little
Steve Mason
Hugh Greene
Dee Schaeffer
Kevin Kearns
Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, III
Steve Harr
Dwight Chenette
Mark Knight for Dr. Eneida Roldan
Stephen Purves
Charlotte Mather

Members Attended by Phone

Clark Scott
Gwendolyn MacKenzie
Michael Gingras
Lewis Seifert
Mike Hutchins
Dr. Mark Mckenney

AHCA Staff and Presenters

Michele Morgan
Lecia Behenna
Bill Perry
Ryan Perry
Amy Baker
Phil Street
Andy Behrman

Members Absent

John Benz
Charles Colvert
Dave Ross
Steve Short
Mike Marks

Welcome

The Low Income Pool (LIP) Council meeting was conducted at the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) in Tallahassee, Florida. Mr. Phil Williams, LIP Chairman and Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Finance, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with a welcome and roll call of attending members on the call. Minutes from the October 20, 2010, LIP Council meeting were approved with no amendments.

Presentation

Ms. Amy Baker from the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research gave a presentation on Florida's Economic Outlook. Ms. Baker's presentation provided broad coverage of Florida's declining economic growth. She noted the State Gross Domestic Product ranked Florida 48th in the nation in real growth with a decline of (-1.6%) in 2008 in comparison to being 2nd in the nation in 2005. Ms. Baker's presentation also focused on issues such as personal income growth, employment outlook, job market and population growth among others relative to

Florida's economy. These topics discussed gave the council important facts about the current condition of Florida's economy.

Model 4A – Mike Marks

Per request of Mr. Mike Marks, Model 4A was not presented and moved to the December 15, 2010, meeting.

Model 5 – Kevin Kearns

Mr. Kevin Kearns presented Model 5 to the LIP Council. He also included a separate one page summary which gave a brief overview of important factors in his model. This summary also included a comparison of Model 5 to the model created by the Legislative Budget Commission (LBC). For model 5, the allocation factor was left at fifteen percent. However, Mr. Kearns noted that he did not apply the allocation factor for dollars that stay within the community. The breakdown of these dollars could be found on Table 7 of Model 5. He also noted that entities putting up Intergovernmental Transfer Funds for buy backs and exemptions would not receive the allocation factor.

Model 6 – Gwen MacKenzie

Ms. Gwen MacKenzie presented Model 6 to the Council. Model 6 is based on SFY 08-09 funding levels. This is the last SFY prior to the enhanced FMAP. In her Model, Ms. MacKenzie noted the funding for categories such as Special LIP, LIP-4, LIP-5, Primary Care, Buy Backs for Provider Service Networks, Children's and Rural all started at the 08-09 level.

Model 7 – Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, III

Dr. Joseph J. Tepas, III presented Model 7 to the LIP Council. Model 7 included characteristics such as fully funding buy backs for children's and rural hospitals, Special LIP consisting of balances as approved in the 2010-11 6 month GAA model reduced by 3 Million proportionately and exemptions funding 75% of selected categories.

Model 8 – Bill Robinson

Model 8 was presented to the council by Mr. Bill Robinson. Mr. Robinson also provided the council with a separate handout which compared his Model 8 to the previously proposed model from the LBC.

Updates

Mr. Williams provided an update to the Council on the 1115 Wavier Extension Request. He noted that on the latest phone conference with federal CMS that their intentions are to send the Agency a letter with specific issues for which they would like initial information or requests. At this time, the Agency has not received this letter. Mr. Williams also stated the Agency met the October deadline for submitting reconciliations for the first year of demonstration.

Mr. Williams also noted the Agency was encouraging the submission of executed Letters of Agreement (LOAs). By receiving the LOAs and making payments before December 31st, provider entities could utilize the current FMAP in place. The FMAP is scheduled to change beginning in January.

An update of posting hospital reimbursement rates to the Agency website was given to the Council by Ms. Michele Morgan. Ms. Morgan noted that a concern arose from the Council regarding the posting of more current rate information to the website. She explained that the Agency is working internally to be able to update the website more often as well as looking into a solution for a more real time way of posting the information.

Presentation

Mr. Phil Street gave a presentation on the proposed General Appropriations Act (GAA) proviso language for Primary Care funding initiatives. He also provided a handout in order for the Council to follow along with his presentation. Mr. Street's presentation allowed the Council to discuss the language in the GAA which related to a three year limitation of funds on Primary Care projects. The Council asked for modifications to the language and that the language come back to the Council for another review.

Presentation

A presentation from the Florida Association of Community Health Centers (CHCs) was given to the Council by Mr. Andy Behrman. In his presentation, Mr. Behrman stated to the Council that Florida's Federally Qualified Health Centers serve as safety-net providers for all Floridians. These CHCs deliver health care services to the state's most vulnerable citizens regardless of their ability to pay. Other key points found within Mr. Behrman's presentation included service locations, growth data, provided services and other important notations about Florida's CHCs.

Discussion of Model Parameters

Members of the LIP Council discussed modeling parameters to be included in the next LIP Council meeting. These parameters included General Revenue, Allocation Factor and Exemptions.

Closing Comments

Mr. Williams followed with closing comments to the Council. He noted the next LIP Council meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2010. This meeting is to be held at the Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Children in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation for the staff of the hospital for making the facility available to host the next LIP Council meeting. Also noted was the deadline of November 29, 2010, for the submission of model requests to the Agency by Council members.

Adjournment

The November 17, 2010, LIP Council meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.