



**Summary**  
**Low Income Pool (LIP) Council**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2011**  
**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Phil Williams, LIP Chairman  
Dee Schaeffer  
Patrick A. Schlenker  
William Robinson  
Mark Knight  
Steve Mason

**AHCA Staff and Presenters**

Tom Wallace  
Lecia Behenna  
Bill Perry  
Ryan Perry  
Nicole Maldonado

**Members Attending by Phone**

Lewis Seifert  
Dr. Ron Wiewora  
Mike Marks  
John Benz  
Steve Short  
Kevin Kearns  
Dr. Karen Chapman  
Hugh Greene  
Mike Hutchins  
Clark Scott  
Gary Uber  
Michael Gingras  
Steve Harr  
Charlotte Mather  
Fredrick C. Ashworth

**Members Absent**

Dave Ross  
Dr. Mark McKenney  
Dr. Edwin C. Pigman

**Welcome**

The Low Income Pool (LIP) Council meeting was conducted at the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) in Tallahassee, Florida. Phil Williams, LIP Council Chairman and Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Finance, opened the meeting with a welcome and a brief roll call. Mr. Williams introduced Fredrick C. Ashworth and Dr. Edwin C. Pigman as the two newest members of the LIP Council for State Fiscal Year 2011-12.

**Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes of August 17th**

Minutes from the August 17, 2010, LIP Council meeting were approved with no objections.

## **Budget Overview by Amy Baker**

Amy Baker from The Florida Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research gave an Economic Overview presentation to the Council and listening audience. Her presentation included topics regarding unemployment, Florida's job market, population growth and other factors relevant to Florida's economy. She also included a handout which highlighted key points found in her presentation.

## **Updates**

Mr. Williams gave an update on the 1115 demonstration waiver. In his update, Mr. Williams brought the Council up to date with the status of the waiver extension. He also explained the issues at hand with Federal CMS and what's to follow in terms of the waiver.

A handout was provided to the Council in order to review the draft Special Terms and Conditions (STC). One of the draft STC's guidelines required the 20 hospitals receiving the largest annual amounts of LIP funding to provide 3 specific projects. These projects are to be designed to benefit the surrounding community. The 20 hospitals must report the progress of these projects. The Agency provided a list of possible top 20 hospitals for SFY 2011-12 for the Council's review. Another requirement of the STCs highlighted was specific to the requirements that \$50 million be made available for non-hospital projects.

Mr. Williams also gave a brief presentation on the percentage paid to Exempt vs. Non Exempt hospitals and its history. A handout was provided to the Council which provided detail of the specified hospitals in the given time period.

Mr. Williams gave a brief update in regards to future hospital rate calculations referenced in House Bill 7107. A handout was provided to the Council which included excerpts from House Bill 7107. The Agency anticipates an update at future a meeting.

## **Proposed Base Model**

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the guidelines for proposed distribution model criteria. Ms. Lecia Behenna provided the Council with the required criteria for all Council member originated models. She also provided a copy of the Medicaid hospital funding process that was part of the *SFY 2011-12 General Appropriations Act* to the Council. In her presentation, she included key points and suggestions which should be followed for these model criteria. The model submission deadline was set at September 20<sup>th</sup> for all model requests to the Agency. This would provide enough time for preparation before the next LIP Council meeting on October 5, 2011.

## **Closing Comments**

In closing, Mr. Williams gave a brief overview of current deadlines, future meeting dates and presentations. No further comments or questions were presented at that time.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.