Subcommittee: Stakeholder Advisory Committee to the Patient Protection Commission for the Peterson Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs

SUMMARY MINUTES
October 1, 2021

Pursuant to NRS 241.020(3)(a) as amended by Assembly Bill 253 of the 81st Legislative Session, this meeting will be convened using a remote technology system and there will be no physical location for this meeting. The meeting can be listened to via telephone or viewed live over the Internet.

Agenda Item I - Call to Order and Approval of July 21, 2021, Summary Minutes

Executive Director Sara Cholhagian called the Stakeholder Advisory Subcommittee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Stakeholder Advisory Sub-Committee Members Present
Angela Amar
Phillip Burrell
Tom Clark
Vance Farrow
Joseph Greenway
Maya Holmes
Lawrence Lehrner
Asher Lisec
Karen Massey
Stacie Sasso
Tiffany Tyler-Garner
Bill Welch

Commission Staff Present:
Sara Cholhagian, Executive Director
Julie Slabaugh, Deputy Attorney General
Lezlie Mayville, Administrative Assistant/Policy Coordinator

Absent:
Karla Bee, excused
Elizabeth Bolhouse, excused
Chris Bosse, excused
Jody Domineck, excused
Joan Hall, excused
Shayla Holmes, excused
Tom McCoy, excused
Kyra Morgan, excused
Todd Sklamberg, excused
Ken Thorpe, absent
Michael Willden, excused

**MOTION** was made to approve minutes of the July 21, 2021, meeting with slight wording revisions, by Tiffany Tyler-Garner and seconded by Asher Lisee. Carried without dissent.

**Agenda Item II - Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item III - Continued Discussion of the Peterson Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs and Cost Growth Initiatives in other States**

Michael Bailit, M.B.A., President, Bailit Health

Mr. Bailit began his presentation with a recap of what was discussed previously and updates since the last meeting.

*Slide 3-Recap of Preliminary PPC Recommendations (2 of 4).* Mr. Welch was wondering if ERISA spending could and should be added. Mr. Bailit said they will attempt to capture this data.

*Slide 8-Recap of Preliminary PPC Recommendations (3 of 4).* This subcommittee had general agreement to not include spending for out-of-state residents with in-state providers. Mr. Bailit said we will bring this back to the PPC as subcommittee feedback. There were no further comments on this slide.

*Slide 11- Recommendations for the PPC to Make Prior to and After the Governor’s Executive Order.* Mr. Bailit paused for questions and feedback and there was none.

*Slide 13-Cost Growth Benchmark Values in Other States.* Mr. Bailit explained the duration of values vary from 4-10 years with a higher start, then drop down. Some questions and comments from subcommittee members included but were not limited to: Dr. Tyler-Garner asked if this was a data set and Mr. Bailit said not a data set, just cost growth benchmark. Mr. Welch wanted to know what time period would we be establishing benchmarks for and how will we get there? Mr. Bailit reminded the subcommittee that Covid-19 will obviously impact number with distorted utilization in spending numbers. 2020-2021 assessment against spending have to be included but must be taken in context. We won’t need to qualify post-pandemic. The Governor will most likely set benchmark in 2022 with the first year of performance assessment quantified due to the pandemic. Ms. Lisee wanted to know how they established the different time periods. Mr. Bailit explained that Massachusetts’ was set by legislation, Oregon had a big split between consumer organizations and employers and was very consensus-focused so everyone in the room had to agree. Other states have taken a majority. Ms. Lisee also wanted to know if we would still capture uncompensated/uninsured? Mr. Bailit said no because we do not have a data source yet for that.

*Slide 15-Modeled Values for Nevada.* Ms. Biermann commented that the "step down" does make sense. Public Option will not be implemented until 2026. Will it be 3.2 - 4.0? An actuarial study will be done. They will need to look at their additional data. Mr. Bailit asked if they would like to make a recommendation. Mr. Burrell asked about number 4) CPI-U, West. Mr. Bailit mentioned it was a little self-referencing and we don’t have state information available. Mr. Burrell also asked if Mr. Bailit could talk to them about the other state’s data. Mr. Bailit said there was no objectively “right” benchmark, it is just what they have established. Most states set between 3.2 and 2.8. Starting in 2022 a higher value makes sense since contracts have already
been negotiated, etc. No time for payers to prepare. He let the subcommittee know no other state has used it yet. Maya Holmes said setting the benchmark is critical to access, affordability, and quality of health care. Need to incorporate what has gone on for the last year and how to factor in to arrive at numbers to address. A blend of median wage and GSP with an 80%-20% blend seems appropriate for Nevada. Do one benchmark for five years with no step down. Ms. Lissec agrees with a median wage/GSP approach as it’s an important place to look but wants to make sure it’s kept in context. She feels the step-down approach seems appropriate. Covid-19 caused a pent-up demand as voluntary procedures were cancelled and diagnosis were down. Mr. Welch suggested 4.2 for two years, then step down to 3.2 for 2 years. He also added that hospital health care costs are growing exponentially and mandating vaccines for staff is driving staff out. Mr. Bailit reminded the subcommittee they did not need to come to a consensus, just a rationale that will be brought to the PPC.

Slide 16-Discussion: Nevada’s Cost Growth Benchmark Value. Another public meeting is anticipated prior to Governor recommendation. Ms. Sasso added that Maya Holmes really touched on keeping affordability on the forefront and to keep in mind a target. She thinks one number over five years is easier to track and convey. There were no other comments or questions.

Director Cholhagian asked the group what weighted economic indicators make the most sense? Nobody responded. She then called on Tom Clark and he had no comment. Mr. Burrell wanted to know if we had numbers to start from. Mr. Bailit says they’re hoping this group makes recommendations. No objective is a right answer and anything on Slide 15 is a good place to start. Some mix of wage growth and state economic growth. Director Cholhagian said she appreciates everyone’s engagement.

**Agenda Item IV - Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item V - Wrap Up and Adjournment**

Mr. Welch asked when the announcement of the new PPC will be made. Director Cholhagian answered soon. The Governor’s office is wrapping up their work on this. No other questions or comments were made.

Director Cholhagian adjourned the Meeting at 10:27am.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Lezlie Mayville
Office of the Patient Protection Commission

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