

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners, Colorado Commission on Affordable Health Care

FROM: Bill Lindsay

DATE: September, 23, 2015

SUBJ: Update

This brief memo is intended to inform you of developments within the Planning Committee and activities between meetings of the Commission.

Fundraising

We were successful in obtaining a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation for \$35,000. This brings our total fund raising to \$75,000 which will enable us to maintain our activities through the end of the state's fiscal year (June 30, 2015).

Planning is underway to seek additional funds for our third year of operations.

Therapies Project

The contract with Milliman is now approved and the work is underway. Unfortunately, the delay means the initial draft will not be available until the middle of October. Since our report is due to the General Assembly on November 1st, our review will need to be accelerated.

Additional Technical Support

The National Conference of State Legislatures will be assisting the Commission in our efforts to review the work of other states are undertaking to reduce the cost of health care. They have done a series of papers on cost containment efforts in states and will present on those as well any recent state activity to the Commission later this fall.

November Report

With our outline approved, the Colorado Health Institute and the Keystone Policy Center have begun drafting their respective sections of the report. We now have established a review schedule which will be reviewed by the Planning Committee the week of October 12th. The draft will be ready for review by the full Commission starting October 19th. The Planning Committee will then work with CHI and Keystone to finalize the report the week of November 2nd. The report is due to the General Assembly November 16th.

The list of recommendations will continue to be provided to each Commissioner at each meeting starting September 25th, along with the active "parking lot" items. This will enable ample time for all to consider what will be presented in the final report.

Stakeholder Feedback

A number of stakeholders have submitted their comments for review by the Commission. These are being posted to the website for your review. We will be seeking your thoughts and comments so that we can determine which of the interested parties we may ask to present to the Commission. Meanwhile, additional groups have indicated they will also be submitting comments in the coming weeks.

This summary is being provided to add transparency into the planning process, and the work that is occurring between meetings. Discussion of any of these points can occur at the next meeting, if that would be helpful.