

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners, Commission on Affordable Health Care

FROM: Bill Lindsay, Chair

DATE: October 8th, 2015

SUBJECT: Planning Committee

The following is a summary of activities by the Planning Committee between meetings of the full Commission. It is intended to add transparency to the work of the Commission.

I. Budget

With the grant dollars that have been received, the Commission will be able to continue to function until the end of the state's current fiscal year. Plans are underway to seek the additional funding needed for the third year of the Commission.

The Commission will receive a budget update at the end of this quarter.

II. Therapy Assessment

We expect to have a draft of the Milliman report on Therapy by October 17th. The Planning Committee is suggesting that the meeting on October 23rd be devoted primarily to a discussion of this report, as well as the first draft of the November Commission report.

III. November Report

Keystone Policy Center and CHI are collaborating on the first draft of the report which is due November 15th, 2015. Commissioners should arrange their schedules to allow for time to review the draft that will be distributed on or about October 20th. Commissioners should also anticipate the potential need for a special meeting to review the draft and discuss it.

The preliminary plan is to release the draft to you on or about October 19th, with written comments due by October 23rd. We will then discuss these at the Commission meeting on the 23rd. The Planning Committee will then work with staff to consolidate these comments and assemble a final draft for review by each Commissioner on November 6th.

IV. Outside Experts

The Commission is seeking input from outside groups such as the National Conference of State Legislatures concerning what has been tried in other states, what seems to be working, and why. We are working to have these presentations scheduled starting in mid-November. If Commissioners have individuals or groups they would like to have us contact for presentations, please notify Lorez as soon as possible so that contacts can be made.

V. Other topics

There have been several interested groups who have replied to our questionnaire, and have provided interesting input that we need to consider carefully. At this point we are attempting to coordinate these presentations alongside the presentations by Commissioners who were on the Research Committee, so that they will amplify the discussion and provide varying viewpoints to be considered. This schedule is being developed and will be distributed in November.