

Texas CHIP Coalition

Friday, January 18, 2013, 11:00am-12:30pm

Texas Medical Association, 1st Floor Conference Room

Chair: Anne Dunkelberg, Center for Public Policy Priorities

I. Introductions (see below)

II. Thank You's

- Children's Hospital Association of Texas for website
- Texas Medical Association and Texas Hospital Association for meeting places
- March of Dimes for the call-in number
- Texas Association of Community Health Clinics for the listserv
- Others for pitching in

III. Legislative Agenda

- We are late finalizing it due to elections.
- Organizations that have endorsed: Catholic Health Association of Texas, San Antonio Nonprofit Council, Ability Pediatric Therapy, National Association of Social Workers – Texas Chapter, Children's Hospital Association of Texas, Texas Dental Association, Texans Care for Children, Texas Impact, League of Women Voters of Texas, Community First Health Plans, Texas Hospital Association, Texas-American Federation of Teachers, Disability Rights Texas, Seton Healthcare Family, United Ways of Texas, Center for Public Policy Priorities. (Note: most recent lists will be posted at texaschip.org)
- CDF and TACHC are yes's
- Endorsers from last session:
 - Any Baby Can: Sr. JT to reach out to them
 - Catholic Charities of Dallas: Sr. JT
 - TNOYS- Texans Care for Children will reach out
 - TMA, Helen Davis will reach out to Texas Pediatric
 - TMA working through their process to see about endorsement
 - Sonia Lara will reach out to Migrant Health Promotion
- Jose Gonzales: suggests outreach to Hispanic and Black Chambers of Commerce.
 - Todd Hunter on Calendar Committee. Jose has good relationship with his assistant.

IV. Legislative Briefing

- 6 sections:
 - Dr. John Hellerstedt.
 - Dr. Sen. Deuell OR Zerwas
 - Rep. Dukes not confirmed yet
 - LGC: Richard Perez, CEO of SA Chamber. Can't come but reaching out to other chamber colleagues.
 - Kathy Eckstein, Medicaid 101.
- Legislative agenda:
 - Anne: TCC history and the first plank: preserve comprehensive coverage
 - Sr. Helen Brewer on part two.
 - Tom Banning on health care workforce

- Lauren Dimitry on reducing costs
 - Bee Morehead and TACHC on modernizing CHIP eligibility
 - Miryam Bujanda: new revenue sources
 - Laura Guerra-Cardus: Maximize opportunities to connect entire families with health insurance
- Snacks, not lunch. RSVP link. Medicaid 101 has 78 RSVPs.
 - Handouts: Meeting agenda with sign-ons on back, and copies of principles available. Kathy: resource table to put materials out? Yes.

V. Summary of Capitol Working Groups

- **Cover Texas Now:** Fridays 10-11am Capitol. E1.022.
 - at 10:30. Each meeting will be a Medicaid Expansion check-in.
 - There is a call-in number.
- Mental Health Advocates at 11am every Friday.
- Texas Forward, Fridays
- ***we will confirm/fill out the details on these events/meetings (& Megan will send information out to listserv).

VI. Budget Proposals Released

- Kathy Eckstein: House budgeted in Medicaid caseload growth, Senate didn't. Doesn't look like they're funding "welcome mat" kids in the base budget, as HHSC did in their LAR, but we will need to confirm that. And huge reduction in CHIP without corresponding/expected increase in Medicaid. Will need LBB to explain the thinking.
- Anne: Kids 6-18 100-133% FPL are moving to Medicaid from CHIP.
- Kit: Asset test going away, lots of kids who qualify by income but not by assets will now be eligible.
- Anne: Newborns? Not sure. Sendero/Michelle: Stated that it appeared that CHIP Perinate coverage was being terminated prior to moms' post-partum visits and the newborns' Medicaid becoming effective.
- OTA will stay grounded on their issues, even as session moves on.
- Some funds for graduate medical programs were restored in both bills. The Physician Education Loan Repayment Program is appropriated \$34 million in 2014-15, compared to \$6 million in 2012-13. Funds eliminated in 2012-13 (\$5 million) for the Primary Care Residency Program were not restored. Funding is the same as 2012-13 for the Family Practice Residency Program (when funds were reduced by 74%).

VII. Other Legislative Issues to Date

- Legislative Budget Board's GEER: Section on letting counties do MedEx. Numbers don't match up with HHSC's but not to worry.
- Arizona's Jan Brewer's Medicaid expansion proposal includes language that state can back out if feds reduce funding. Similar to Texas CHIP statute language included in 1999 passage.
- Discussion of possible XIX/MedEx mergers and expansion possibilities.
- MH spending proposal are flat. Katherine Ligon, Clayton Travis, others looking at it.

- Balance between showing Medicaid expansion savings and having funding cut and diverted precipitously, vs. program that was underfunded already and now won't get its full funding.
- Lauren Dimitry. Pg. 8 GEER has soda fee!
- Kathy: Medical Transportation program. Full risk broker contracts in DFW. Problems not only with them. Been working with HHSC. Not going fast. Some technical changes we're promoting. Auto-check driver's licenses and insurance. Data sharing in bill. HHSC also plans on moving to statewide full risk broker. Helen: HHSC ombudsman office was terrible. Kathy: have a trouble-shooter now. And working on language to make exception to policies implemented in last six months to give exceptions for some diagnoses like cancer or whatnot so you don't need to get reapproved month by month. Meanwhile, Sen Nelson bill would move med trans into each Medicaid HMO.

VIII. Meeting Chairs and Topics

- ACA related changes to eligibility, MAGI, etc.
- Medical Transportation Program
- Migrant children, Frew: TACHC

***Forward MMM March 5 flyer/info/video. (ask LGC if can't find)

***Add Shannon Lucas (slucas@marchofdimes.com) to CHIP listserv.

In attendance:

Anne Dunkelberg, Center for Public Policy Priorities
 Marcus Denton, Center for Public Policy Priorities
 Megan Randall, Center for Public Policy Priorities
 Sr. JT Dwyer, Seton
 Laura Guerra-Cardus, Children's Defense Fund-Texas
 Anna Sanderson, Intern, CDF
 Shannon Lucas, March of Dimes
 Lauren Dimitry, Texans Care for Children
 Michelle Tijerina, Sendero Health Plans
 Betsy Coats, Maximus THS/Star
 Kathleen Davis, NTOTX
 Linda Rangel, Office of Rep. Naishtat
 Melissa Davis, NASW – Texas
 Kathy Eckstein, CHAT
 RexAnn Shotwell, TACHC
 Elizabeth Endres, TACHC
 Sonia Lara, TACHC
 Kit Abney, Insure-a-Kid
 Helen Kent Davis, TMA
 Dolores Perez, Amerigroup
 Lynn Hudson, Coalition of Nurses in Advance Practice

Via phone:

Diane Rhoades, Texas Dental Association

Jane Swanson, Frew case
Jose Gonzales, Driscoll Health Plan
Melody Chatelle, Chatelle and Associates

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