

**MINUTES OF THE  
ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND COVERAGE TASK FORCE**

Friday, June 8, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 403 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Peter Knudson, Senate Chair  
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart, House Chair  
Sen. D. Chris Buttars  
Sen. Paula Julander  
Rep. Trisha Beck  
Rep. Jim Ferrin  
Rep. David Litvack  
Mr. Rod L. Betit

**Members Absent:**

Rep. J. Morgan Philpot

**Members Excused:**

Mr. Merwin U. Stewart

**Staff Present:**

Mr. J. Wayne Lewis,  
Research Analyst  
Ms. Catherine Dupont,  
Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Jennifer Markham,  
Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Lockhart called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Buttars moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2001 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Julander absent for the vote.

Ms. Suzette Green-Wright represented Mr. Merwin U. Stewart who was unable to attend the meeting.

The proposed meeting schedule was distributed to task force members and approved. The meeting dates are July 27, August 24, and September 14.

**2. Medicaid Waivers in Utah**

Mr. Michael Deily, Director, Division of Health Care Financing, discussed Medicaid eligibility and waivers. The following reports were included in the agenda packet: "Utah Medicaid Eligibility Groups by Percent of Poverty as of April 2001," "Table VIIA Medicaid/UMAP/CHIP Limits," "Medicaid Funding," "Waivers, Demonstrations, and More Liberal Methodologies," "Current Utah Waivers," "Utah's 1995 Comprehensive Demonstration Proposal," and "Outline of the Primary Care Network Proposal."

Mr. Betit described a potential program which would allow employers to offer a medical coverage package that is less than the basic benefits package currently required by state law.

### **3. Health Care Programs for the Uninsured (a.k.a. "Safety Nets")**

Mr. Jesus Blanco, staff member, Children's Health Insurance Program, provided an overview of current programs for the uninsured. A copy of his presentation, "Utah's Safety Net," was included in the agenda package.

Mr. Michael Deily, Director, Division of Health Care Financing, discussed "Utah Medical Assistance Program (UMAP)," which was included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Chad Westover, Director, Covering the Uninsured 2002, described "CHIP, Children's Health Insurance Program," which was included in the agenda packet. He distributed, "CHIP Application Form," and "CHIP Health and Dental Plan Benefit Summary," to task force members.

Dr. Keith Horwood, Medical Director, Community Health Centers, Inc., discussed "Community Health Centers in Utah: A Crucial Part of the Health Care Safety Net," which was included in the agenda packet. Dr. Horwood described the focus of prenatal care and staffing efforts at his center. He provided task force members with copies of the "2000 Annual Review of Utah's Community-Based Health Centers."

Dr. Allan Ainsworth, Director, Fourth Street Clinic, described the Fourth Street Clinic which serves homeless clients. He distributed a copy of his presentation and a brochure entitled, "Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Inc.," to task force members.

Ms. Pamela Atkinson, Vice President, Mission Services, discussed the Intermountain Health Care program. A copy of her presentation, "We Know What Works...We're Just Not Doing Enough Of It," was included in the agenda packet. She also distributed "IHC Community and School Clinics, May 2001," to task force members.

Mr. Rick Kinnersley, Executive Director, Utah Hospital Association, discussed "Utah Community Hospitals, Charity & Bad Debt, 1989-1999," and "Emergency Room Visits, Utah Hospitals, 1994-1999," which he distributed to task force members. He emphasized that despite the efforts of CHIP and the community clinics, the number of uninsured patients continue to climb.

Ms. Marilyn Haynes-Brokopp, Director, Bureau of Primary Care, Rural and Ethnic Health, Department of Health, explained the programs administered by the Bureau. A copy of her slide presentation, "Access to Health Care and Coverage Task Force," was included in the agenda packet along with "State Primary Care Grants Program for Medically Underserved Populations," "Health Professional Education Grant and Scholarship Programs," "Conrad State 20 J-1 Visa Waiver Program," "National Health Service Corps," and "Utah Dental HPSAs by County, June 4, 2001." She also distributed "Telehealth in Rural Utah," to the task force members.

**4. Access to Health Care and Coverage - Private Insurance Market Perspective**

Due to time constraints, this item will be discussed at the July 27 meeting. "Access to Health Care and Coverage - Private Insurance Market Perspective" by Joan Ogden and "Some Background about the Health Care System in the United States" by Michael Stapley were included in the agenda packet.

**5. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Jim Ferrin moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars absent for the vote.

