

Meeting Outline: Health Reform Task Force

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Health Reform Task Force

Thursday, August 27, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Room 30 State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Approximate
Time Frame

1:00 1. Committee Business

Background

- [Draft minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting](#)

Potential Action

- Approve minutes.

1:05 2. Medicaid: Preferred Drug List

The task force will be briefed on the Legislative Auditor General's recommendation earlier this year that "the Department of Health research and provide a report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee and any other pertinent legislative committees regarding the potential savings, benefits, and costs from creating a statewide preferred drug list."

Background

- [A Performance Audit of Medicaid's Pharmacy Benefit Oversight](#) (Source: Office of the Legislative Auditor General)
- [Important Considerations: Impact of Moving to State Mandated Uniform Preferred Drug List \(PDL\)](#) (Source: Utah Coalition of Medicaid Plans)

Presenters

- Jesse Martinson, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- Utah Department of Health
 - Nathan Checketts, Director of Medicaid and Health Financing
 - Jennifer Strohecker, Director, Bureau of Healthcare Policy and Authorization
 - John Curless, Director, Coverage and Reimbursement Policy, Utah's Medicaid Program
- Utah Medicaid ACOs

- Michael Hales, Senior Director, Government Healthcare Programs, University of Utah Health
- Jack Pierce, Actuary, Molina Healthcare
- Shea Wilson, Regional Director of Pharmacy Services, Molina Healthcare
- Kevin Monte, Manager of Actuarial Services, Molina Healthcare
- Eric Cannon, Pharmacy Lead, SelectHealth

Action

- Next steps?

- 1:45 **3. Medical Respite Care: Individuals Experiencing Homelessness**
The task force will be briefed on the availability and funding of medical respite care for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Background

- [The INN Between](#)
- [Medical Respite 1115 Medicaid Waiver Proposal](#) (Source: Kimberlin Correa, Executive Director, The Inn Between)
- [Californias Whole Person Care Medicaid 1115 Waiver Demonstration](#) (Source: Health Affairs, Vol. 39, No. 4: Integrating Social Services and Health)
- [Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care: Financing Approaches for Medical Respite Care](#) (Source: National Healthcare for the Homeless Council)
- [Letter of Support](#) (Source: Jeff McNally, MD, Senior Medical Director, Intermountain Healthcare)
- [Letter of Support](#) (Source: Peter Weir, MD MPH, Executive Medical Director of Population Health, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Utah Health)

Issues

- What roles do medical respite facilities play in expanding access to healthcare, improving individual health outcomes, and reducing costs?
- Should the state adopt policies to further the expansion of medical respite facilities?

Presenters

- Kory Holdaway, The Inn Between
- Kim Correa, Executive Director, The Inn Between
- Dr. Jeff McNally, member of The Inn Between Board of Directors and Chief Medical Director, Homecare/Hospice/Palliative Care, Intermountain Healthcare
- Dr. Peter Weir, Executive Medical Director of Population Health, University of Utah Health
- Tonya Hales, Assistant Division Director, Medicaid and Health Financing, Utah Department of Health

Action

- Next steps?

2:20

4. **Medical Respite Care: Children with Certain Medical Conditions**

The task force will consider whether the Utah Code should be amended to accommodate the construction of medical respite care facilities for children with chronic, serious, or terminal illnesses.

Background

- [Inspired Yearnings Charitable Foundation](#)

Issues

- Could pediatric medical care respite facilities receive Medicaid funding?
- Is amendment of [Utah Code Section 26-21-23](#) necessary to permit construction of a pediatric medical care respite facility in Utah?

Presenters

- Jody Davis, Inspired Yearnings Charitable Foundation
- Utah Department of Health
 - Joel Hoffman, Director, Bureau of Licensing and Certification
 - Emma Chacon, Operations Director, Medicaid and Health Financing
 - Tonya Hales, Assistant Division Director, Medicaid and Health Financing
- Bryan Erickson, Board President, Utah Health Care Association



Action

- Next steps?

3:00

5. Adjourn