

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
2009 SPRING CONFERENCE

HEALTH POLICY TASK FORCE

Business Session

Coeur d'Alene Golf & Spa Resort

May 16, 2009

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

MEETING SUMMARY

Presiding

Co-Chair: Senator Julie Denton, Kentucky

Members in Attendance:

Senator Carolyn Allen, Arizona
Mr. Gary Blalack, GlaxoSmithKline
Representative Sharon Block, Idaho
Representative Jamie Boomgarden, South Dakota
Representative Sharon Cissna, Alaska
Mr. Rob Clark, Medtronic
Mr. Clem Cyper, PhRMA
Senator Tom Dempster, South Dakota
Senator Julie Denton, Kentucky
Ms. Joan Gardner, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
Ms. Janet Haebler, American Nurses Association
Ms. Nancy Hublar, Golden Living
Mr. James Matteucci, Merck
Mr. Craig Mischo, Bayer
Ms. Susan Pilch, Healthcare Distribution Management Association
Mr. Gordon Rosenberry, Johnson & Johnson
Mr. Mike Splaine, Alzheimer's Association
Mr. Greg Warren, AstraZeneca
Mr. Gary Wirth, National Association of Chain Drug Stores

Guests in Attendance:

Mr. Dale Aldrich, Takeda
Ms. Sandie Benen, GlaxoSmithKline
Mr. Mike Bolen, Amerisource Bergen
Senator Bart Davis, Idaho
Representative Linda Foster, New Hampshire
Ms. Jennifer Gardner, Food Lion
Ms. Melissa Garrett, American Specialty Health
Mr. Jim Hoover, Bayer
Mr. Adam Jaffe, Walgreen
Ms. Amanda Klump, Altria Client Services, Inc.

Representative Patti Anne Lodge, Idaho
Mr. Paul Nielsen, MedImmune
Mr. Brian Reuwer, Medical Imaging Technology Alliance
Mr. Gary Riddle, Eisai, Inc.
Representative John Rusche, Idaho
Mr. Russ Sobotta, Sanofi-Aventis, U.S.
Mr. Mark San Souci, Department of Defense
Mr. Tom Tremble, Advanced Medical Tech Association

Staff in Attendance:

Ms. Paige Anderson, CSG
Ms. Mikel Chavers, CSG
Ms. Debra Miller, CSG

Welcome & Member Introductions

Sen. Julie Denton, Task Force co-chair, welcomed attendees and asked all task force members seated at the table and then other guests to introduce themselves. She reminded all persons in the room to sign the attendance roster.

Review & Approval of Minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting

Sen. Denton received a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting held in Omaha, Nebraska in December.

Suggested State Legislation

Sen. Denton introduced the process and criteria which are used to select suggested state legislation (SSL). The following recommendations were adopted by the Health Policy Task Force for each piece of suggested state legislation referred to the Task Force for consideration.

21-30B-01 Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount	IL	<u>__reject__</u>
21-30A-14 Health Care Cost Containment and Transparency	MA	<u>__reject__</u>
21-30B-02 Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals	PA	<u>__defer__</u>
21-30B-03 Heart Attack and Stroke Centers	MO	<u>__include__</u>
21-30B-04 Surrogate Decision-Making Committees	NY	<u>__reject__</u>
21-30B-05 Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment	ID	<u>__include__</u>
21-30B-06 Advocating Donating Organs	NJ	<u>__reject__</u>
21-30B-07 Disclosure of Contractual Arrangements with Health Insurance Carriers	VA	<u>__reject__</u>
21-30B-08 Opioid Treatment	IN	<u>__defer__</u>
21-30B-09 Medication Therapy Management	MODEL	<u>__defer__</u>

21-30A-10 Health Information Exchange	RI	__reject__
21-30B-10A Health Informatics Corporation	IN	__reject__
21-30B-10B Health Services Authority	TX	__reject__
21-30B-10C Health Information Technology	VT	__reject__
21-30B-11 Advancement in Stem Cell Cures and Therapies	OK	__defer__

Survey of Task Force Members for Biennial Work Plan

Debra Miller, CSG Director of Health Policy and principal staff person for the Health Policy Task Force, introduced the survey. She reminded the Task Force that members have been newly appointed for the next two years and CSG staff is setting a work plan for that time period. Senator Denton had suggested a survey of members to ascertain topics of high interest and how members wish to receive educational information.

Approximately 30 Task Force members and guests in the room participated in an electronic survey. Health as a policy issue was a high priority for 75 to 80 percent of respondents, with the remaining percentage rating health as a medium priority – a few more rated health as a high priority policy issue nationally than in their state.

Respondents were asked to choose three top health issues from a list of eight:

Chronic disease prevention	20 percent of all selections
Medicaid	19 percent of all selections
Improving health care quality	14 percent of all selections
Health workforce shortage issues	13 percent of all selections
Covering the uninsured	10 percent of all selections
Health information technology	9 percent of all selections
Mental health	8 percent of all selections
Reducing health disparities	7 percent of all selections

While nearly all of the survey respondents indicated they would read materials provided by CSG, one third said email only. Respondents were positive about all the CSG products: 100 percent for issue briefs; 88 percent for a “top three reads this month”; 76 percent for timely updates on laws and policies; 77 percent for information on successful evidence-based programs; and 74 percent indicated they would participate in quarterly web conferences or conference calls.

Adjournment

Sen. Denton reminded attendees of the two health workshops scheduled later in the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously.