

Arkansas Health Benefits Exchange Planning

State Agencies	September 22, 2011	Arkansas Insurance Department- Hearing Room 1 st Floor	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
<p>Members Present: James Cheek for Dr. John Wayne Linda Greer Joni Jones Sheena Olson Kym Patterson</p> <p>Staff: Cindy Crone Bruce Donaldson Britton Kerr, AID Craig Wilson, ACHI</p> <p>Guest: Russell Greene-Connecture Anna Makogonova Dwane Tankersley</p>		<p>Members Absent: Claire Bailey Clint Ball Dr. Paul Halverson Jason Lee Frank Scott Ray Scott Marilyn Strickland Dawn Zekis</p>	

Meeting Summary:

- I. Bruce Donaldson- Arkansas Insurance Department opened the meeting. Workgroup members and guests introduced themselves.
- II. **The State Agency Workgroup meeting summary from August 18 was approved** as circulated without corrections and will be posted as “final” on the HBE website.
- III. CCIIO/Project Updates- Bruce provided an update (handout) of the latest issues/concerns with the planning progress and CCIIO and spoke about the upcoming meetings and also of the time frames of submitting the Level I funding by the end of September, which we are working on. If not then there will be another opportunity in December of 2011. Although time is running out there is an opportunity to apply for a Level II funding grant for actual implementation of the State Exchange, however, the current political climate puts that option in doubt.
- IV. Steering Committee Update- Joni Jones provided a brief update on the meeting talking points of the last Steering Committee meeting.
- V. Discussion Topics
 - A. General Topic-Navigator Role and Plan-

The workgroup members discussed the Navigator Role in detail. The following are a list of concerns and issues that were mentioned.

- Navigator’s need to be knowledgeable in the area of taxes, home group composition, complex situations, advance tax credits. They need to be able to walk individuals through selection process.
- Can Individuals be Navigators? Yes they can be individuals as well as other non profit agencies or institutions that can access hard to reach populations.
- How will Navigators be paid? They will not be paid per enrollee.
- High Level of monitoring for credentialing Navigators.
- Training Components.
- Cost and Fees for credentialing Navigators (background checks, etc.)
- What we need to for Producers.

B. Workgroup Specific Topic-

1. Should Exchange be an Active, Passive or Hybrid Purchaser?

The workgroup favored a Hybrid Purchaser Model

2. Should we have two Exchanges or one (combined individual or SHOP)?

The workgroup favored a single Exchange

Comments

Having two markets would be better received by consumers and businesses.

VI. Future Exchange Planning Discussions

The next meeting will be held October 27, 2p to 4p at the AID Hearing Room, 1st Floor.