

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH SYSTEM REFORM TASK FORCE**

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 250 State Capitol

Members Present:

Speaker David Clark, House Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold

Members Absent:

Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack, Senate Chair
Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Catherine J. Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Chelsea Barrett, Legislative Secretary
Mr. Benjamin Beutler, Research Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Task Force Business

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Reports

Rep. Newbold distributed "Administration Simplification Technical Advisory Group Report to Health System Reform Task Force." She reviewed the group's findings and nine recommendations.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved that staff draft legislation for the October meeting that incorporates the Technical Advisory Group's recommendations. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Litvack absent for the vote.

Rep. Newbold distributed "Health and Wellness Technical Advisory Group Report." She reviewed the group's findings and three policy recommendations.

Rep. Litvack distributed "Public Programs Outreach Technical Advisory Group Report." He reviewed the group's findings and five policy recommendations.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved that staff create amendments for 2009 General Session H.B. 331, "Health Reform - Health Insurance Coverage in State Contracts." She explained that Rep. Dunnigan, sponsor of the legislation, has asked the Task Force to move ahead with amendments to this legislation for the upcoming general session. Ms. Dupont explained that the amendments would address the definition of a qualified health benefit plan and the fact that the private right of action provision does not include an exception for a good faith attempt to comply with the law. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dan Schuyler, Utah Office of the Consumer Health Services, distributed and reviewed "Utah Health Exchange Update." He also distributed "Utah Health Exchange High Level Objectives" and answered committee questions.

Mr. Dave Jackson, Vice Chair, Utah Defined Contribution Risk Adjuster Board, reported on the progress of the Board's work.

Ms. Christie North, Vice President, HealthInsight, provided an update on the development of payment and delivery reform demonstration projects under HealthInsight. She said that she expects there will be two projects—one based on an acute care model and one based on a chronic care model. The projects will be presented to the projects' tollgate review board in October and should also be ready for presentation to the Task Force at that time.

Speaker Clark thanked the Task Force for its efforts. He encouraged the Task Force to discuss legislative possibilities for the upcoming General Session. He noted the need to be a little bolder, brighter, and aggressive with the next steps taken in health care reform and promised that the Legislature would not forget to "look in the rearview mirror" to make sure that the right things have been done.

3. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.