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Virginia State Planning Grant

Minutes of the Model Development Work Group Meeting (Conference Call)

March 4, 2005

10:00am-11:00am

Members Attending:

George Braunstein	Chesterfield Community Services Board
Charles Dalluge	Leo A. Daly International
Tim Henderson	Center for Health Policy (CHPRE), GMU
Hope Johnson	Pyramind, LLC
Joy Lombard	Virginia Association of Health Plans
PJ Maddox	Center for Health Policy (CHPRE), GMU
Deb Oswalt	Virginia Healthcare Foundation
Skip Smith	Valley Community Health OPTIMA
Henry Sullivan	Virginia Association of Health Underwriters, Southwest Virginia Chapter
Mike Wilmoth	Advanced Patient Advocacy
Richard White	Anthem BC/BS
Bob Wright	Virginia Bureau of Insurance, State Corporation Commission

[Members Joining Orientation Discussion by conference call Monday March 7, 2005]

Helen Helentjaris	Lord Fairfax Health District
Hope Johnson	Pyramind, LLC.
Kim Snead	VA Joint Commission on Healthcare
Robert Younes	NVCC

Agenda

1. Introduction of Members
2. Overview of Virginia State Planning Grant and Model Development Workgroup Charge
3. Review of Meeting Schedule and Approach
4. Discussion of Principles for Model Selection

Agenda Item 1: Introduction of Members

Maddox opened the meeting, having each of the call-in participants introduce themselves. Maddox noted that the Workgroup's agenda and schedule for work completion is on a tight timeline. She reminded the participants that the Workgroup had its first organizational meeting on November 1, 2004 in Charlottesville and Workgroup's composition has expanded significantly since that time (list of Model Development Workgroup Members available on SPG website). For an overview of the work of the

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grant, she suggested members review the SPG Grant Overview Presentation on the website site under the Model Development Workgroup for November 1, 2004 meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Overview of SPG Grant and Model Development Workgroup Charge

Maddox provided the group a brief overview of SPG's history and overall mission. The Model Development Workgroup charge was summarized as the following:

- 1) To identify the SPG specific target population for insurance coverage expansion;
- 2) To understand the various state options and their feasibility for insurance coverage expansion;
- 3) To identify and recommend an insurance model(s) designed to have the most feasible impact.

Maddox noted that GMU is charged with developing the insurance model under SPG and the business plan for implementing the model, as well as staffing the Workgroup. She encouraged Workgroup members to visit the SPG website (<http://www.insuremorevirginians.org>) to obtain more information about the problem of uninsurance and what the VA planning grant is doing to address the problem as relates to the 'working uninsured'.

Agenda Item 3: MDWG Schedule and Approach

Maddox outlined the Workgroup's busy work schedule between March and August. Meetings will be a combination of in-person meetings in Richmond and telephone conferences. Decisions are made in sequence, over time. Thus, discussion and decisions from early meetings lay the foundation for those that follow. The Workgroups decision-making will be aided by a formal group decision-making process in that members will be asked to rate, rank and otherwise vote on certain work tasks/options. She explained one of the 'tools' GMU/CHPRE would be using to help facilitate Workgroup decision-making was a polling process that identifies agreement and variation among members views.

It was explained that the member's valued knowledge and experience as well as the best available data would be used to inform Workgroup's decisions. New data to inform the work of the grant principally comes from two sources—individual data from the 2004 SPG/VHCF-sponsored Virginia Household Survey and business data from the upcoming statewide survey of Virginia businesses (MEPS-IC), augmented with available information from other state sources and the SPG Key Business Informant interviews. It was also discussed that the Workgroup recommendation about insurance coverage model (s) must be informed by factors that influence household and business decisions about offering/taking health insurance coverage.

The timetable for receiving survey data on Businesses health insurance coverage from the MEPS-IC survey was reviewed. AHRQ is currently conducting the survey and data are expected to be received in July 2005. Until then, best available data from historical

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MEPS-IC surveys and other Virginia sources are available (see SPG website Knowledge Center).

Agenda Item 4: Discussion of Principles for Model Selection

Henderson introduced a draft of Principles for the Workgroup to consider in selecting an insurance model. Members will be asked to 1) further comment on the completeness and substance of the drafted principles, and 2) rate the importance of principles to be considered for use in selecting the final model(s) to be recommended. A follow-up email will be going to Workgroup members next week to solicit individual input on this matter. A summary of between meeting feedback will be presented at the next meeting of the Workgroup.

Discussion ensued and it was noted that further criteria for Model Selection would be added following the Workgroup's identification of the target population. Model Selection Criteria will be needed that address the identified population target. The next two Workgroup meetings will focus on understanding the scope of the problem (health insurance coverage gaps in Virginia) and the characteristics and location of those without coverage, in order to identify which population of working uninsured will be selected and what model(s) for insurance coverage expansion would subsequently be recommended.

There being no further business, the conference call was adjourned.

Tim Henderson
Recording