



Consumer and Small Employer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:30 – 5 p.m.

UCare, 500 NE Stinson Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Members in attendance: Denise Robertson – Chair, Matthew Steffens – Vice-Chair (via phone), Mary Ellen Becker, Matthew Flory (via phone), Leigh Grauman, Bentley Graves, Kim Johnson (via phone), Richard Klick, Ann McIntosh (via phone), Shari Meyer (via phone), Kathleen Saari

Members not in attendance: Peter Musimami, Kate Onyeneho, Jamie Rancour

Staff in attendance: Christina Wessel – Senior Director of Partner and Board Relations, Marie Harmon – Marketing and Communications Specialist

Meeting Topics

Welcome & Introductions

Denise Robertson, Chair

Denise Robertson, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. A quorum became present approximately 15 minutes after the meeting began.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of February and March Meeting Minutes

CSEAC Committee Members

MOTION: Kathy Saari moved to approve the draft [February CSEAC meeting minutes](#). Mary Ellen Becker seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Richard Klick moved to approve the draft [March Joint Advisory Committee meeting minutes](#). Mary Ellen seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

MNsurance Updates

Christina Wessel, Sr. Director of Partner and Board Relations

Christina Wessel, MNsure staff, began by noting there has not been a board meeting since the Committee met last, so there were no new metrics to report.

She moved on to legislative updates and reviewed potential bills that would impact MNsure.

Christina started with the House HHS Finance bill, which includes a proposed reduction of MNsure's premium withhold from 3.5% to 2%. She noted this would also eliminate MNsure's active selector authority and prohibit a MinnesotaCare buy-in. Christina noted that the proposed legislation also includes a requirement to reconcile all MinnesotaCare premiums from the past four years. Additionally, she stated there may also be an amendment to allow short-term limited duration plans that provide coverage up to 12 months. Christina explained that in the Senate, this proposal is not in the HHS Finance bill, but may go into the Tax bill instead. She also mentioned that MNsure submitted a joint letter with DHS and the Department of Commerce to oppose the prohibition on a MinnesotaCare buy-in, the cut to MNsure's budget, the elimination of active selector, and offering APTCs off-exchange.

Denise asked for clarification on active selector. Christina explained that it gives the board authority to choose which plans are offered on the market, though it has not been used to date. At the moment, anything certified by the Department of Commerce is offered as MNsure is focused on competition and expanding consumer choice. Essentially, the idea behind active selector is that the board would have more control over quality.

Denise asked if the expectation is that the House will pass the legislation. Bentley Graves noted that this isn't a budget year, but that there is currently a budget surplus. He noted it is likely pass the House as part of a larger set of legislation via an omnibus bill. Bentley also noted that the state legislative session ends May 21 and that the governor has no intention of a special session and will likely veto the bill.

Denise noted that the legislation could be confusing to consumers. She stated the messaging by MNsure should be clear around what is happening, especially since there is only a six week open enrollment period (November 1 – December 15, 2018). She suggested the committee could explore a recommendation to the Board about outreach and messaging. Dick agreed and noted that Medicare enrollment is at the same time and that the Medicare system is shifting from a cost program to an advantage program. He noted it is a new system and brokers have to learn new information. Denise noted that messaging is especially important for households with a member in individual coverage and a member on Medicare.

Adjourn

MOTION: Mary Ellen moved to adjourn. Dick seconded. There were no objections and the meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.