

Task Force on Health Planning Reform  
Meeting Minutes, Monday February 11, 2008  
Room 2-025, James R. Thompson Center

Members Present: Senator Susan Garrett, Senator Pamela Althoff, Representative Lisa Dugan, Representative Renee Kosel, Representative Louis I. Lang, Gary Barnett, Patrick Keenan Devlin (representing William McNary), Jay D. Doherty, Paul Gaynor, Claudia Lennhoff, Heather O'Donnell, Kenneth C. Robbins, Hal Ruddick, Margie Schaps

Members on the phone: Senator Bill Brady, Donna Thompson

Ex Officio: Barry Maram, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; David Carvalho, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH); Jeffrey S. Mark, Health Facilities Planning Board

Legislative Staff, IL House of Representatives: Kurt DeWeese

Notetaker: Laura McAlpine

**Call to Order: 9:23am**

Senator Garrett opens the meeting. She discussed problems with the set-up and logistics of the meeting. Requested improvements by IDPH for future meetings. David Carvalho assured the Task Force that logistics for future meetings would be handled, but that the short turnaround on the dates for February meetings caused difficulty in reserving appropriate meeting rooms. The next training meeting is set for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm, Room 16-504.

**Approval of Minutes**

Senator Garrett asked the members to review the minutes from the January 31, 2008 meeting.

Members noted that section #5, regarding dates for recommendation submission and sunset of the Act, did not capture the entirety of the discussion. Concerns were noted about the completeness of the notetaking.

Motion by Senator Althoff, seconded by Representative Lang, to amend the minutes to include the following change to section #5: "The Task Force discussed targeting May 1, 2008 as a date for interim recommendations and tasked Kurt DeWeese to present a proposal at the next meeting."

***Motion passed.***

**Approval of recommendations regarding change to timeline for legislative purposes**

Kurt DeWeese presented a revision to the Task Force on Health Planning Reform Act as follows: (20 ILCS 3960/15.5) Section 15.5 (g): The Task Force may shall submit findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly as may be necessary at any time and shall submit a final report by November 1, March 1, 2008, including any necessary implementing legislation, and recommendations for changes to policies, rules, or procedures that are not incorporated in the implementing legislation.

Section 15.5 (h): The Task Force is abolished on December 31, August 1, 2008.

(20 ILCS 3960/19.6) Sec. 19.6. Repeal. This Act is repealed on March 16, 2009 ~~August 31, 2008~~.

The members discussed possible sunset dates of January 31, 2009; March 16, 2009; and July 1, 2009. Noted balancing the importance of creating recommendations in a timely manner, while also allowing the process the time needed for deliberations. Also noted difficulties with filing legislation if the language is drafted late in the General Assembly session that begins in 2009.

Motion by Representative Lang, seconded by Ms. Schaps, to extend the repeal date to July 1 2009.

*Motion passed.*

Motion by Representative Lang, seconded by Representative Dugan, to approve suggested amendments presented by Kurt DeWeese, as amended by the prior motion regarding changing the repeal date to July 1, 2009.

*Motion passed.*

### **Discussion of Work Plan for Task Force**

Discussed possible parties to provide testimony to the Task Force who are affected by the Certificate of Need (CON) process. Also discussed the need to hear from the Lewin Group regarding their report on the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. Discussed receiving reports on best practices in other states (Governors State University report) as well as information from the American Health Planning Association.

Possible groups include but are not limited to: The Illinois Hospital Association, stakeholders interviewed by the Lewin Group, members from the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, Illinois State Medical Society, ASC Association of Illinois (representing Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers), Champaign County Health Care Consumers, long-term care facilities, renal dialysis centers, safety net institutions, unions (SEIU and AFSCME), Ray Passeri, Barry Maram, Anne Murphy, Mark Silberman, Frank Urso, Provena Covenant, Dr. Poshard/Southern Illinois University, staff from groups that have testified.

Discussed the content of the testimony request. Will ask people to respond to the topics listed in the Act, centering on the CON process and the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. Require written testimony in addition to answering questions.

Senator Garret suggested that staff look at the list created for entities to testify and make sure all are invited. Well in advance of the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the parameters of what the presenters are asked to present should be determined. Senator Garrett suggested that the two co-Chairs discuss this with staff by phone in advance of the next meeting.

Priorities for the first public hearings are as follows: Lewin report, Staff on Governor State University report, American Health Planning Association, Dr. Poshard, Barry Maram, Ray Passeri, Frank Urso/Anne Murphy/Mark Silberman, update on bed category.

Members decided on the following:

March 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm, teleconference in Chicago  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 8am in Springfield  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm in Chicago  
A court reporter will be retained for all public hearings.

Members decided to meet to seek to file the bill with the proposed change to the timelines by the General Assembly filing deadline of February 15<sup>th</sup> and to file a shell bill for recommendations that may be ready by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Kurt DeWeese will file the necessary language.

**Presentation by Planning Board and IDPH regarding the current CON process**

This presentation was abbreviated due to lack of time. Mr. Carvalho introduced Susana Lopatka, acting Chair of the Illinois Health Facilities Board, as a visitor to the meeting. Mr. Carvalho gave an example of a hospital coming into an area with an existing hospital, and what the difference is if the CON process decides if and where hospitals are instituted and if market forces decide if and where hospitals are instituted.

**Other Business**

Minutes will be distributed prior to the next meeting for review by the members.

**Adjournment 11:11am.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura McAlpine.