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Safety Net Advisory Council
Highlights from May 14, 2008

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Meeting Goal: Health Fund Board Updates
Discussion: The Safety Net in a system of universal coverage

Attendance:

SNAC Members - Jackie Rose, Priscilla Lewis, Craig Hostetler, Beryl Fletcher, Tracy Gratto, Tom Fronk, Abby Sears

Staff - Marian Blankenship, Heidi Allen, Joel Young

Health Fund Board updates/Safety Net in a system of universal coverage - Discussion:

The Delivery System Committee was meeting during the SNAC meeting. Priscilla and Joel left the SNAC meeting mid-way to provide testimony in support of SNAC's recommendations. This was scheduled to be the Delivery System's final meeting, however they had not yet addressed the safety net in any substantive way, nor taken another look at the SNAC recommendations.

Priscilla and Joel shared the testimony and a condensed document highlighting the three recommendations along with the addition of a fourth: *"The state should assure that primary care safety net providers are included in accountable health plans provider panels and as participants in Accountable Health Districts"* Council members were supportive of this additional recommendation, which was included in response to a direct question from a member

of the Board regarding how the safety net will fit into a system of universal coverage.

Joel and Priscilla were not planning on emphasizing the EHR recommendation but rather acknowledging that the HIACC will be developing a comprehensive plan for the state. Abby encouraged the SNAC to continue to track that process in order to ensure issues/challenges specific to the safety net, are not over-looked.

Discussion around the Quality Institute focused on a concern that it creates a burden on providers beyond what they are already reporting. A suggestion was made that the Delivery System Committee could ask HIACC to find ways to simplify reporting processes and decrease the administrative burden. It was noted that the Accountable Care District concept is still utilizing claims data for measurement.

Concern was expressed that oral health has fallen off the platform. Furthermore, a question was posed regarding how it is possible that Public Health managed to fare as well as it has in the Delivery System Committee recommendations while the safety net has not. This fostered a discussion around state investment and how public health (and the safety net) will be asked to grow/change.

Heidi reviewed the Equities Committee work with the council – The recommendations falling into the following categories: Population health and prevention, Data and Quality initiatives and Incentivizing healthy behaviors. Heidi noted that the work of the Equities committee would be integrated within the context of each committee's set of recommendations.

Finance committee has not yet released its recommendations. The committee is focusing on three taxing options: pay roll tax, health transactions tax, some form of an income tax (potentially adding an upper tier).

Next steps: SNAC needs to “track the bouncing ball” as the recommendations begin to be endorsed. It will be critical to determine the best channels for SNAC to weigh in. The council will need to prioritize what it views as red flags.

Joel and Marian will review the recommendations as they are made public/endorsed by the committees and send them to the council with specific requests for feedback.

The report was briefly discussed. Marian will send a draft to SNAC for final review within the next week. Abby expressed a concern that we are only representing four data points. The idea of “showcasing” what is possible with clinics that have EHR has been an idea for some time but has not yet been incorporated into the report. Abby offered to provide help with incorporating this piece.

Meeting adjourned

SNAC Meetings:

June 11, 2008

July 9, 2008

September 10, 2008

October 8, 2008

November 12, 2008

December 10, 2008

800 NE Oregon Street, Portland

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Safety Net Advisory Council
July 9, 2008
12:00-4:00 P.M.
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon St.
Room 918

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Meeting Goal: Review work to date
Discuss revised report
Discussion with Claudia Black

Attendance:

SNAC Members - Jackie Rose, Priscilla Lewis, Craig Hostetler, Scott Ekblad, Beryl Fletcher, Tracy Gratto, Tom Fronk, Matt Carlson, Vanetta Abdellatif, Bill Thorndike, Jim Thompson

Staff - Marian Blankenship, Joel Young

Review of Work

The group reviewed two different documents/logic models of SNAC's work over the past two years. Identified many areas of progress made and acknowledged the need to discuss large goals prior to adopting next work plan. This work will begin in September.

Review of Report

The group walked through the report point for point using a summary of feedback received as a tool for resolving outstanding questions or points of disagreements. Many clarifications were made and the discussion was a fruitful one. A point that was emphasized by all was the need for an Executive Summary. The group engaged in a lengthy discussion and identified what elements were the most important to

be captured in the summary. The report will go through another process of revision with some additional re-writes/additions and will be shared once more with the council, prior to the September meeting.

Discussion with Claudia Black

Claudia had an unforeseen conflict and was not able to get to the meeting until the very end. There was limited time for discussion but the council had the opportunity to speak informally with Claudia about Safety Net concerns generally and reinforce the council's desire to have on-going communication with the Governor's office surrounding issues important to the safety net system and safety net patients. Claudia was inquisitive about the SNAC's work and was receptive to continued communication and partnership.

Next Steps

- Marian will draft the Executive Summary
- Marian will incorporate revisions/clarifications that developed as a result of today's meeting
- Portions of the report will be re-worked (Stability Fund recommendation, PPS appendix, Cost/Finance section, Workforce section, section on Community Collaboratives) Different members of the council will take specific pieces.
- Marian will send to council for final review prior to September meeting

There will be NO MEETING in August

Meeting adjourned

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Meeting Goal: Updates on data work, report, HFB, develop strategic workplan

SNAC Members - Jackie Rose, Priscilla Lewis, Craig Hostetler, Beryl Fletcher, Tracy Gratto, Tom Fronk, Steve Kliewer, Scott Ekblad

Staff - Marian Blankenship

July Highlights were reviewed and accepted.

Brief update on the merging of SNAC's data committee with the IAIMS planning grant committee through OCHIN. The group is refining core measures for 2007 collection. The long-term goal of this combined effort is to develop a user-friendly web-based tool as a data hub for the safety net. A work plan is being developed. Their work will be shared with the Council at a later stage of development

Discussion of Report

Steve shared ongoing concern regarding the issue of unequal billing between LPC's and LCSW's. He provided some clarification for the council. Group discussed whether the Accountable Health Plan recommendation would sufficiently address this equity issue. The council ultimately agreed that while not explicitly naming this issue (or other similar billing issues) the recommendation is adequate.

The group also addressed the specific section in the report that discusses CAWEM and identifies the Oregon Pilots. The story could be framed more positively. Tom offered to re-write the passage. There was a suggestion that the state may not want this section in

the report (as written) – will be important to double back with Bruce and also check in with Laura Sisulak.

The council discussed how it would be able to determine the ROI on the SNAC's work. Have they been accepted? Are they being implemented? A discussion ensued regarding the SNAC's original charge from the Governor's health policy advisor. SNAC has, met the original charge nearly in entirety. The next step is to bring the report to closure, disseminate and develop an action strategy to respond to policy developments going forward, recognizing that the target is always moving.

Discussed some immediate action steps around the HFB community meetings – how can SNAC reinforce its message through this process? Could a one-page talking points document be developed to share with council member's stakeholders?

Council discussed a thorough review of HFB proposal – There was a general sense that SNAC has had some positive impact on aspects of the proposal. In terms of responding with more feedback, the timeframe is very short – perhaps a small group could convene, review and respond. Check in with Bill T. regarding the best way to insert SNAC feedback into the process.

Council agreed to the following next steps:

- Final re-writes/edits to Marian by 9/17/08
- Marian will follow-up on new language
- Report out of Draft by the beginning of October
- Marian will follow-up with Bill
- Small workgroup will review HFB proposal and respond
- Marian will develop a distribution plan for report – vet with council

Meeting adjourned

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Meeting Goal: Updates: HFB, Report, Strategic Work Plan

SNAC Members Present - Jackie Rose, Craig Hostetler, Beryl Fletcher, Vanetta Abdellatif, Tracy Gratto, Matt Carlson, Tom Fronk, Steve Kliwer, Abby Sears

Staff - Marian Blankenship, Joel Young

September Highlights were reviewed and accepted.

Update Health Fund Board

Discussed HFB developments since September meeting. Reviewed the comments that SNAC submitted to the Board, in response to first draft proposal. Abby suggested that there is still a window for making recommendations to the HIACC process.

Discussion of Report Dissemination

Report is now out of DRAFT. The Council discussed strategies for timing of release and distribution. The report will go first to the Governor with a request for a cover letter. The report will be distributed to broad stakeholders by the end of November, so that there will be time to read over the holiday season. There was quite a bit of discussion around timing its release to the Legislature. Marian will solicit some input from the Governor's office regarding best timing.

Council members agreed that there should be targeted visits to specific Legislators and policymakers for educational purposes. This

strategy among others will be further discussed in November and December SNAC meetings.

Discussion of Goals for Future Work:

Council members had a fruitful discussion beginning with the establishment of several principles to help guide the discussion. A few concrete strategies were suggested. (Please refer to SNAC Goals Brainstorm Document).

Next Steps:

Report will be sent to Governor and a cover letter requested. Work plan discussion will be synthesized and sent to Council for feedback.

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