

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Nursing Home Rate Review Workgroup Meeting
October 25, 2010**

160 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois and 201 S. Grand Avenue East, Springfield

Members Present

Julie Hamos, Chair, Director, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Pat Comstock, Health Care Council of Illinois
Teresa Garate, Department of Public Health
Arnie Kanter, Barton Health Care
Dave Lowitzski, Service Employees International Union
Wendy Meltzer, Illinois Citizens for Better Care
Phyllis Mitzen, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, MFP Client Advocate
Kirk Riva, Life Services Network of Illinois
Dave Vinkler, AARP

Members Absent

Secretary, Department of Human Services

Governor's Office

Jessica Bruskin
Michael Gelder
Amy Lulich

General Assembly Members/Staff

Melissa Black, Senate Democrat Staff
J'Neil Blanco, House Democrat Staff
Samantha Olds, House Democrat Staff
Kim Schultz, Senate Democrat Staff
Angie Sidles, Senate Republican Staff
John Slocum, House Republican Staff
Heather Steans, State Senate, 7th District

State Agency Staff

Kelly Cunningham, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Theresa Eagleson, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Barb Ginder, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Rudi Hancock, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Frank Kopel, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Elizabeth LaRocca, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dennis Smith, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dawn Wells, Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Providers, Provider Associations, Advocates and Interested Parties

Bill Casper, CJE Senior Life

Donna Ginther, Health Care Council of Illinois
Sharon Goode, Life Services Network of Illinois
Monica Hammer, Alderman Mary Ann Smith's Office, Chicago
Mark Mroz, MADO Health Care
Tim O'Brien, Fletcher, O'Brien, Kasper and Nottage
Andrea Perry, Royal Management Corporation/Lexington Health Care
Violet Radwill
Steven Serikaku, Community Renewal Society
Terry Steczo, County Nursing Homes
Kevin Stoneking, The Clayberg Nursing Home
Terry Sullivan, Health Care Council of Illinois
Kevin Taylor, Health Care Council of Illinois
Matt Werner, Matt Werner Consulting for Life Services Network
Tom Wilson, Access Living
Greg Will, Service Employees International Union

1. Opening Remarks

The seventh meeting of the Nursing Home Rate Review Workgroup was called to order at 12:05pm by Workgroup Chair, Julie Hamos. Minutes from the October 19, 2010 meeting were not completed in time for approval and adoption at this meeting, but will be presented for action at the next meeting of the workgroup.

2. Discussion of Options

Chair Hamos opened the meeting by recapping details of a recent legislative strategy discussion regarding the workgroup's proposal and invited further discussion. Frank Kopel explained a set of tables prepared by the Department entitled "Comparison of current and proposed tax bases." Chair Hamos disseminated and invited discussion on a draft document entitled "Nursing Home Rate Review Work Group Recommendations." Workgroup members participated in a discussion of potential phasing of an increased bed tax over time (including the amount, structure and proceeds of the tax), as well as how much of the tax proceeds should be made available to other "state" priorities. Dave Vinkler shared that he believed that no less than 30% of tax proceeds should be earmarked for other state purposes, including the development of home and community based services. Pat Comstock shared that the nursing facility profession could only support earmarking of 10% of the tax for other state purposes.

Workgroup members agreed to continue discussions on this issue while the Department modeled some additional tax scenarios and proposals.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 5, 2010 from 12:00 pm – 2:00pm at the Clinton Building, 7th Floor in Chicago, and the Bloom Building in Springfield.