

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
Public Education Subcommittee  
August 6, 2010.  
Approved Final Meeting Minutes**

401 S. Clinton Street, Chicago, Illinois  
201 S. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois

**Committee Members Present**

Kathy Chan, IMCHC (for Robyn Gabel)  
Robin Scott, CDPH (for Kenzy Vandebroek)  
Susan Vega, Alivio Medical Center  
Margaret Stapleton, Shriver Center (for John Bouman)  
Judy King, Consumer Advocate (via phone)  
Hardy Ware, East Side Health District (via phone)

**Committee Members Absent**

Suzanna Gonzalez, MacNeal Hospital  
Courtney Hedderman, AARP  
Tamela Milan  
Henry Taylor, Mile Square Health Center

**HFS Staff**

Jacqui Ellinger  
Pat Curtis  
Lynne Thomas  
Tracy Keen  
Robyn Nardone  
Donna Drew  
Sabohat Khalilova  
Sally Becherer  
Ann Ridge  
Veronica Archundia

**Interested Parties**

Dianne Rucinski, Ph.D., UIC  
Alexis Bates, LAF  
Diane Montanez, Alivio Medical Center  
Margaret Dunne, Beacon Therapeutic  
Brittany Ward, Beacon Therapeutic  
Esther Sciammarella, CHHC  
Kristine Tomzik, Meridian Health Plan (via phone)

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The MAC Public Education Subcommittee was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

- 1. Introductions.** Attendees in Chicago and Springfield introduced themselves. Kathy Chan chaired the meeting.
- 2. Announcements.** Jacqui Ellinger made known the director's confirmation of Kathy Chan, Sue Vega, and Judy King as official members of the Medical Advisory Committee.
- 3. Review of Minutes.** The June minutes were approved.
- 4. All Kids Final Report.** Jacqui Ellinger, HFS indicated the findings of the statewide survey conducted by Dr. Dianne Rucinski of the Institute for Health Research and Policy at the University of Illinois at Chicago are very positive. The All Kids program covers over 1.6 million children, and its estimated that 95.5 percent of Illinois children have healthcare coverage. The report is available on-line [http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/assets/072010\\_akfinal.pdf](http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/assets/072010_akfinal.pdf)
- 5. UIC Special Analysis from Illinois Survey and ACS.**

Dr. Dianne Rucinski presented an analysis requested at the previous meeting regarding the proportion of uninsured Hispanic children in Illinois by regional location. The primary data source was the tabulations of the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) public use files and the All Kids Survey of 2009/2010. She indicated the data from both surveys reflect a snapshot of the population at the specific "point in time" when the surveys were taken.

The executive summary shows that approximately 73,779, or 10.2% Hispanic children were uninsured in 2008. The ACS estimates the majority of uninsured Hispanic children reside in Cook County. The proportion of uninsured Hispanic children within Cook County varies from 0% (i.e., PUMA 3518, 3515, 3510, 3502, 3401, and 3412) to 64.1% (PUMA 3405) depending on the Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA). Relatively few uninsured Hispanic children reside in Lake, Will, and DuPage counties. The ACS indicates that there were sub-areas within those counties with higher concentration of uninsured Hispanic children. The proportion of uninsured Hispanic children in Lake County ranges from 7.0-20.7% by PUMA, and in McHenry, the range is 9.3-23.0%.

Judy King asked about the absence of information on the insurance status of Asian-American and other groups not included in the Illinois ACS report. Although the groups accounted for in the report (non-Hispanic Blacks, non Hispanic Whites, and Hispanics) represents 97 percent of the population surveyed, it is still important to see what the collected information tells us about the remaining 3 percent.

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Ms. King also asked whether the street names and/or boundaries of PUMAS could be identified in order to better recognize the local geographic areas associated with the number of uninsured. Dr. Rucinski will follow-up on this request.

Sue Vega, of Alivio Medical Center suggested inviting Dr. Rucinski to share the findings of the study at the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Conference, which is a forum to address critical issues of importance to the Latino community. Esther Sciammarella concurred with this suggestion, and an update will be provided in upcoming meetings.

**6. CHIPRA Outreach Projects Update:**

Kathy Chan, IMCHC, introduced the topic and invited each of the attending CHIPRA grantees to discuss their success and barriers in outreach efforts to assist families in applying for the medical programs.

Margaret Dunne from Beacon Therapeutic reported that they just submitted their first report to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). They visited nineteen shelters and provided case management to homeless children and youth living with their families. Ms. Dunne's report included narrative regarding instances where families have benefited from their assistance to access other programs such as the Illinois Healthy Women, Food Stamps, and TANF. They are also targeting unaccompanied youth and adolescents who are not housed. Ms. Dunne indicated that they continue working in collaboration with Chicago Public Schools and its homeless subdivision.

Esther Sciammarella from the Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition (CHHC) noted that a monthly report is submitted to their counterpart, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, which in turn reports to CMS. Ms. Sciammarella said they continue working with the Mexican Consulate, on an initiative that includes scheduled visits to the community in the metropolitan area where families received assistance on how to apply for the medical card. She noted that similar partnerships have been established with Mercy Hospital. They are in the process of establishing a partnership with the Chicago Department of Health to collaborate in highly populated clinics where bilingual services may be needed.

CHIPRA grantees Chicago Public Schools and Catholic Charities were absent.

**7. Illinois' MaxEnroll Project:**

Due to time constraints, committee members agreed to address the Member Portal Ideas and Disenrollment Reasons at the next meeting.

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- a) **Durable Medical Card:** Robyn Nardone, HFS provided the update. She advised that the recommendations from the previous meeting regarding increasing the font size and reducing the size of the state logo were incorporated on a new sample. She reported that HFS recently met with a diverse group of medical providers, including some FQHC, rural clinics, and social service agencies, to discuss the functionality of the card.

She noted the biggest challenge would be to make the public aware of how to use the medical card. HFS is planning to develop some brochures and client notices to facilitate a smooth transition before implementation of the durable medical card on January 2011. Jacqui Ellinger indicated that the Member Handbook would be a good resource to inform the public about the functionality of the medical card.

Diane Montanez from Alivio Medical Center said that for providers using MEDI clearances, it would be very useful to list the case load number in addition to the case I.D. number. This would facilitate the communication between providers and the case worker assigned to a particular family. Ms. Nardone will share this recommendation with the HFS medical identification work group to assess the system capacity to implement this recommendation.

Judy King asked if the enrollment and application process could be reviewed at a future meeting and/or whether there was a document available that explained the application/enrollment process.

**8. Next meeting /adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2010 or September 30, 2010. The session was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.