



Meeting of the

POLICY COMMITTEE

January 4, 2008
2:40 – 4:30 PM
GMHC, 119 W. 24th Street

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: M. Lesieur (Chair), S. Cahill, Ph.D., D. Ng, J. C. Park, A. Person, D. Walters

Staff Present: *DOHMH:* D. Klotz, N. Rothschild

Others Present: E. Lok

Mr. Lesieur opened the meeting. The minutes from the December 7, 2007 meeting were approved with no changes.

I. Ryan White HATMA Reauthorization. The Committee discussed conducting a trial community forum in the Bronx, in conjunction with the Bronx HIV Care Network, possibly in March. The Committee will look at the NAPWA/C2EA questions and the Institute of Medicine report for guidance.

II. Medicaid Managed Care. The Committee discussed two points of advocacy on the issue: during consideration of State legislation that would be required, and during the State's process of applying for a waiver from CMS (USHHS). It was agreed that the Committee will try to arrange a conference call with managed care expert Susan Dooha prior to the next meeting to discuss what questions should be asked of State Medicaid officials. The Committee will also look at a recent AIDS Institute presentation on SNPs.

III. Universal Health Insurance (Gottfried bill). Dr. Cahill will send out the GMHC analysis of the proposed bill and get information on how a similar initiative is working in Massachusetts.

IV. NYS Testing and Confidentiality Law (27F). The Committee generally supported the idea of a mandatory offer of HIV testing in primary care settings. With the proposal for that and opt-out written consent in flux, the Committee will continue to monitor the situation.

V. COBRA/Lombardi Long Term Care Regulations. A coalition of Lombardi providers has sent a letter to NYS Health Commissioner Richard Daines and is monitoring the

situation. A “patients first” bill is being introduced into the State legislature in January, which the Committee will monitor. Data on emerging need is needed.

VI. Federal Appropriations. House Speaker Pelosi’s amendment to help restore cuts to San Francisco’s Ryan White Part A grant will probably offset any potential gain to New York from the increase in the national Part A appropriation. There should be minimal impact on the State’s Part B grants.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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