

SHCC TELECONFERENCE MEETING NOTES

FEB. 5, 2016

From Kathleen McCoy

In attendance: Danielle Dixon, Kathleen McCoy, Melodee Monson (alt), Gwenna Richardson, David Bantz (alt), Stacey Howdeshell, Susan Mitchell (alt), Lesli Walls, Monique Musick, Linda Hall, Arthur Hussey (alt).

Guest: Erika Van Flein, UA Benefits

Excused: Wendy Miles

Absent: Maureen Hunt (alt), Marie Williams (alt); Kayti Coonjohn (alt).

1. Website idea: The group chose a sub-committee working group of Stacy Howdeshell, Danielle Dixon, Kathleen McCoy, and a UAS rep yet to be named; Gwenna filling in temporarily.

Lesli Walls created a Google doc called [SHCC Road Map](#) for all SHCC members to post health insurance plan consumer guidance ideas that might be visualized as downloadable posters that could be shared among all campuses. Please post your ideas in the Google doc – issues you've heard from your constituents, or just logical illustrations that can advance good understanding of our benefits and how to use them.

This Google doc is where we will draw an idea for 1 or 2 or 3 graphic posters that we create and make available through SHCC members to their campuses. I guess we could call this a pilot.

The idea of a standalone website died. Our main thrust seems to be highlighting easy-to-digest visuals of overlooked or misunderstood health plan benefits information. If successful we can just share these across campuses via printout from the Google doc location. Our ideas will be vetted through Erika Van Flein for accuracy before released for use.

The sub-committee will meet offline to advance this idea. **Goal: have the posters created and vetted and in use by April.**

2. Advocacy: There is some movement in the legislature/executive branch to reform or correct some of the big drivers of high health care costs in Alaska. Kathleen asked if the SHCC saw an avenue to participate in advocacy– a post card campaign or just a letter from SHCC to appropriate players.

Erika explained how the 80th percentile rule is a big picture driver for Alaska, even though UA is a self-insured entity working with Premera and able to circumvent by use of out-of-network payments of 125% Medicare.

She explained that Premera is working with more self-insured groups to use this strategy so that providers will see the value of coming into our network (and getting paid more than 125% of Medicare). JHCC documents from the Dec. 2014 meeting where 125% Medicare for out of network was approved are available on the UA Benefits website, left hand under JHCC. [Link](#).

Erika said she was surprised to learn from news coverage that the 80th percentile rule is a regulation that could be changed by the Commissioner of the Division of Insurance; it does not require legislation. **Monique volunteered to work with Erika to develop some potential talking points that might make their way into an advocacy vehicle in support of health care cost reforms in the state.**

Group decided to meet next after JHCC has met. JHCC meets Feb. 25, 2016. We'll Doodle poll for a meeting the week of Feb. 29-March 4.

I would like these notes to go out immediately, and then resent just before our late Feb./early March meeting. Thank you!