

STATE INNOVATION WAIVER TASK FORCE

Meeting 5

Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2014
Time: 9:00am
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Attendance:

State Innovation Waiver Task Force Members - Present

Beth Giesting, Chair, Governor's Office
Eric Alborg, Hawaii Health Connector
Joan Danieleley, Kaiser Permanente
Jennifer Diesman, HMSA
Robert Hirokawa, HPCA
Gordon Ito, Insurance Commissioner
Daniel Jacob, Office of the Attorney General
Roger Morey, Hawaii Restaurant Association
Christine Sakuda, Hawaii HIE
Edward Wang, DLIR
Rachael Wong, HAH
Sandra Yahiro, EUTF

State Innovation Waiver Task Force Members - Absent

Kenny Fink, MedQUEST/DHS
Keone Kali, State CIO
Lorrin Kim, DOH
Sherry Menor-McNamara, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii
Paula Yoshioka, Queen's Health System

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Giesting at 9:00 a.m. Chair Giesting welcomed the group and took roll call.

Public Comment

There was no opening public comment.

Election of Vice Chair

Chair Giesting nominated Member Ito to serve as Vice Chair for the Task Force, noting that since the group is to continue through June 2017, there may be occasions when the Chair is not available. Member Ito said he was willing to serve but noted that, as a 30-day hold-over, his status as a Task Force member may change in the new year. No other members were nominated and Members Diesman moved and Danieleley seconded the nomination of Member Ito as Vice Chair. The vote in favor was unanimous with the exception of Member Ito, who abstained.

Member Wong informed the group that, since she will be leaving the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to become the Director of the Department of Human Services, this will be her last meeting as HAH's representative. HAH CEO George Greene will represent the organization until further notice.

Member Morey announced that he will be leaving the Task Force, too, as he will no longer be representing the Hawaii Restaurant Association. He will urge the Association to identify a replacement as soon as possible.

Review of minutes of November 13, 2014

Members Morey moved and Wong seconded approval of minutes as circulated. There was no public comment. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Connector PIG Report

Member Alborg reported for the Connector PIG that the Hawaii Health Connector had now enrolled 12,000 people. Its IT system is undergoing additional work. December 15th marks the deadline for enrollment in a plan with a January effective date. Finally, the Connector is completing its annual report to the Legislature, which will be submitted by January 1, 2015. There was no public comment.

Creation of Permitted Interaction Group

Members Alborg moved and Sakuda seconded the creation of a new PIG whose members are Alborg, Fink, Giesting, Ito, Kali, Menor-McNamara, Sakuda, and Wang to attend the Hawaii Health Connector board meetings. The measure was unanimously adopted.

Report to the Legislature

Member Jacob outlined amendments from the earlier draft and invited members to highlight or propose additional changes.

Discussion:

Member Jacob: A recent webinar on waivers emphasized that proposals may waive or modify provisions of the ACA. He suggested that the first sentence in the second paragraph of page 2 of the report read, "The ACA provides states opportunities to waive or modify certain provisions of the ACA to encourage innovation." [Emphasis added.]

Member Alborg: One of the subject matter experts on the webinar referred to above has done some market analysis for the Connector. Member Alborg will make sure the group has the benefit of the conclusions reached in this study. Member Alborg further stated his intention of making such a presentation available to the task force in January 2015.

Member Alborg: The report should note that a sophisticated IT system is needed to adequately manage the complications involved in enrolling COFA migrants and ensuring that tax credits are properly handled.

Chair Giesting: That specific issue was not addressed by the task force so cannot be included in the report; however, the concern will be noted in these minutes and addressed as soon as possible at an upcoming meeting.

Member Alborg: Including the timeline and urgency for legislative action should be included in the Executive Summary.

With the amendments proposed, members Alborg moved and Sakuda seconded approving the report to the legislature, which action was unanimously adopted. There was no public comment. Chair Giesting said she expects to complete and submit the report by next week and that it will be posted on the Governor's website.

Proposed legislation

Chair Giesting reviewed the draft under consideration that would eliminate any non-waiver related task force responsibilities as well as appropriate resources to meet waiver requirements. Member Ito urged the group to also develop a legislative vehicle granting waiver authority. In discussion, the Task Force proposed to amend the title of the draft bill to read "Relating to the State Innovation Waiver" so that authority for waiver provisions that may be agreed to during the session can be incorporated. Member Jacob noted that the bill seems to need some formatting corrections. Members Wong moved and Ito seconded a motion to approve the draft bill with the title amended as noted above, which was unanimously adopted. Chair Giesting said she was not sure

whether the proposed bill can be included in the Administration package because of timing. Members identified Health Chairs Belatti and Green and Consumer Protection Chairs McKelvey and Baker as likely sponsors. There was no public comment.

Waiver/Modification Permitted Interaction Group

Harking back to an earlier agenda item on creating Permitted Interaction Groups, Members Diesman moved and Hirokawa seconded the creation a PIG to explore priority issues to waive or modify. PIG members are Alborg, Diesman, Fink, Giesting, Ito, Jacob, and Kali. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Public Comment

There was no concluding public comment.

Next Meeting

The Waiver/Modification PIG will meet on January 8, 2015 at 9:00. A meeting will be arranged the following week for the Task Force.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.