ACA WG 10 31 2017 Notes

## **Roll Call**

## **Present**

Leighton Ku
Jodi Kwarciany
Dave Chandrasekaran
Colette Chichester
Laurie Kuiper
Katie Nichol
Dania Palanker
Patricia Quinn
Peter Rankin
Carolyn Rudd
Margaret Singleton
Jenny Sullivan
Tammy Tomczyk
Kevin Wrege

## Absent

Donna Alcorn Carl Chapman John Fleig Maria Gomez Rob Metz Bonita Pennino Jnatal Sims Liam Steadman

**Ku:** I believe this will be the last meeting of the working group, at least for the time being. A few updates: on Friday (10/27/17), the administration released a proposed rule on the notice of benefit and payment parameters. Comments are due on November 27. The proposed rule has a number of significant topics that may impact the exchange, and it's worth keeping in mind that it could bring up some issues that may require further adjustments in the future. We still don't know what's going on with Congressional legislation regarding the restoration of cost-sharing reductions (CSRs) or repeal and replace. With respect to the lawsuit over CSRs, the administration wants the challenge in court to remain on hold for the time being. A number of states, including D.C., joined the lawsuit, and the D.C. Attorney General's office will be engaged in next steps.

Today we want to vote on the market stability recommendations that you worked on. It may be helpful to have the document Debbie Curtis (HBX) sent out yesterday titled "DRAFT ACA Working Group Recommendations 10-31-2017" in front of you. As discussed, we made a

onetime exception to allow ACA Working Group voting members to send their vote by email if they could not attend since we had originally scheduled this vote for Friday. Debbie or Purvee will read any votes we received by email during roll call. If the recommendations pass by consensus, we will take the recommendations to the HBX Executive Board, which is meeting next Wednesday (11/8/17). Hopefully the Executive Board will be able to pass these recommendations up the chain to District policymakers.

When I call your name, please say yes or no as to if you vote to adopt the working group's recommendations.

Kwarciany: Yes. Chichester: Yes. Kuiper: Yes.

• Chandrasekaran: Yes.

Wrege: Yes.
Palanker: Yes.
Singleton: Yes.
Sullivan: Yes.
Quinn: Yes.
Nicol: Yes.
Rudd: Yes.
Rankin: Yes.
Ku: Yes

Tammy Tomczyk did not participate in the vote, as she is a non-voting member.

**Purvee Kempf (HBX):** Maria Gomez sent an email stating that her vote on the recommendations is yes. That's the only vote we've received via email.

**Ku**: That's a unanimous vote, among those voting, for the policy recommendations specified before. Now the recommendations will go to the HBX Executive Board meeting, which I will attend.

**Kwarciany:** I'll also attend the Executive Board meeting if you think it'd be helpful.

**Ku:** We've had 10 really substantive meetings and we've come together on really complex issues. Thank you so much for all of your contributions. I think we're way ahead of many other states. One thing D.C. has always tried to do is get maximum input from a diverse set of stakeholders and build that into how we set policies. Hopefully we'll do something that will really improve market stability.

Obviously we don't know what's going to happen at the Board meeting, but hopefully they will go along with the recommendations. If necessary, we may call on some of you if the Mayor or City Council has questions.

HBX staff will make sure that all the documents for the working group are posted on the HBX website. If there are any corrections you think need to be made to the minutes, please contact Debbie.

One last update – as you know, open enrollment begins tomorrow. HBX and Mayor Bowser are hosting a kickoff at 10:30 am at Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School at 1100 Harvard St., NW. Doors open at 10 am, and please feel free to come.

**Debbie Curtis (HBX):** One more thing - each working group has a report that summarizes its meetings, includes appendixes for important information that was shared with the group, and documents the outcomes of the working group. HBX staff will send around that report as quickly as possible after this meeting concludes. Please note that the timeline for review will be short so please respond with any corrections by the deadline. The report will be sent to the HBX Executive Board before their meeting.

Meeting adjourned.