



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Legislative Council Conference Room
One East Main Street, Suite 401
Madison, WI

January 7, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[The following is a summary of the January 7, 2011 meeting of the Special Committee on Health Care Access. The file copy of this summary has appended to it a copy of each document prepared for or submitted to the committee during the meeting. A digital recording of the meeting, PowerPoint presentations, and other documents referred to by the speakers are posted on the committee's Internet site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/committees/study/2010/ACCESS/index.html>.]

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Olsen called the meeting to order. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Sen. Luther Olsen, Chair; Rep. Fred Kessler Vice-Chair; and Public Members Sandy Anderson, Terry Brandenburg, Curt Gielow, Ted A. Kay, Nathan Luedke, Greg Nycz, Dr. Jeff Patterson, Roberta Riportella, Robert Schmidt, John Townsend, Dr. Sheldon Wasserman, and Dr. Earnestine Willis.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
EXCUSED:

Public Members Bruce Colburn and Mary Lu Gerke.

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:

Richard Sweet, Senior Staff Attorney, and Heidi Frechette, Staff Attorney.

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Joseph Kilsdonk, Marshfield Clinic; and Lori Spencer, RN, Baraboo District Ambulance Service.

Approval of Minutes of the Committee's October 22 and November 22, 2010 Meetings

The minutes of the October 22 and November 22, 2010 meetings were approved by unanimous consent.

Presentations by Invited Speakers

Dr. Joseph Kilsdonk, Marshfield Clinic

Dr. Kilsdonk provided the committee with a summary of provisions in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) that relate to medical residencies. In his presentation he made the following points:

- Marshfield Clinic was awarded \$3.8 million to expand their pediatric and internal medicine programs which will result in six additional pediatric and six additional internal medicine residency slots.
- Marshfield qualified for PPACA funding because of its rural location, Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation, and multidisciplinary setting.
- In Wisconsin in 2010, there were 60 residency slots in family medicine of which 48 were filled.
- There is a need for more primary care residency slots because a large number of primary care physicians are retiring.
- PPACA also authorizes funding for workforce development, including \$230 million to increase the number of primary care residents and dentists trained in community-based ambulatory patient care settings and authorizes the reallocation of unused residency slots. However, Wisconsin is not considered one of the neediest states for the majority of this funding.
- 2009 Wisconsin Act 190 sets aside \$750,000 for expansion of the Wisconsin rural residency program which could be used for planning associated with PPACA provisions. Representatives from health facilities and the medical schools should meet to discuss the use of these state funds.
- Guidelines for teaching health centers regarding implementation of the PPACA programs are being developed.
- The Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM) and the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) programs must be maintained and expanded.
- Proposed language regarding dental interns and licensing requirements would help with recruitment.

- Tuition assistance in exchange for service after graduation is a good idea, but should be voluntary not mandatory so as not to negatively impact recruitment.

Ms. Anderson stated that she is involved in writing a manual on sustaining rural residency tracks and keeping the slots filled. She noted that there will be a symposium in Ohio in February regarding family medicine rural residency tracks.

Lori Spencer, RN, Baraboo District Ambulance Service

Ms. Spencer discussed a pilot program her service will be conducting which allows paramedics with 200 hours of additional training to visit patients in their homes and provide primary care services under the supervision of a physician. The goal of this pilot program is to reduce hospital readmission rates, improve patient outcomes, and save money. She stated that these types of programs have been very successful in Nova Scotia and Australia and the pilot program in Baraboo will begin upon receipt of federal funds.

Discussion of Potential Committee Recommendations

WLC: 0058/1, relating to the administration of vaccines by pharmacists and dentists

The committee discussed the draft language.

Representative Kessler moved, seconded by Representative Vruwink, that WLC: 0058/1 be amended to strike all language regarding the administration of vaccines by dentists and to change the age from 12 years to six years for the administration of influenza vaccines by pharmacists. The motion was adopted by a vote of Ayes, 8 (Sen. Olsen; Rep. Vruwink; and Public Members Anderson, Brandenburg, Gielow, Patterson, Schmidt, and Townsend); Noes, 7 (Rep. Kessler; and Public Members Kay, Luedke, Nycz, Riportella, Wasserman, and Willis; and Absent, 2 (Public Members Colburn and Gerke)).

Representative Kessler moved, seconded by Mr. Gielow, that WLC: 0058/1 be recommended for introduction, as amended, on a roll call vote of Ayes, 15 (Sen. Olsen; Reps. Kessler and Vruwink; and Public Members Anderson, Brandenburg, Gielow, Kay, Luedke, Nycz, Patterson, Riportella, Schmidt, Townsend, Wasserman, and Willis); Noes, 0; and Absent, 2 (Public Members Colburn and Gerke).

WLC: 0066/, 1 relating to collecting workforce survey information from health providers

The committee discussed the draft bill.

Ms. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Nycz, that WLC: 0066/1 be amended to include psychologists, physical therapists, and clinical social workers in the definition of "health care provider." The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Ms. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Nycz, that WLC: 0066/1, as amended, be recommended for introduction on a roll call vote of Ayes, 15 (Sen. Olsen; Reps. Kessler and Vruwink; Public Members Anderson, Brandenburg, Gielow, Kay, Luedke, Nycz, Patterson, Riportella, Schmidt, Townsend, Wasserman, and Willis); Noes, 0; and Absent, 2 (Public Members Colburn and Gerke).

WLC: 0088/1, relating to a report on health care education

After discussion on the draft bill, the committee adopted a motion to have the deans of admissions for both Wisconsin medical schools along with persons who can speak about WARM and TRIUMPH to share with the committee the current admissions process and criteria, discuss any proposed programs, and each school's plan of action for ways to increase the number of students from underrepresented populations and students who have a propensity to serve underserved areas in Wisconsin in primary care.

Legislative Council staff was also asked to prepare draft bills regarding tuition assistance in exchange for service and state matching grants to Wisconsin accredited institutions for higher learning for expanding teaching facilities related to health care. Committee members were encouraged to submit any additional ideas for bill drafts to the Legislative Council staff by January 21, 2011.

Plans for Future Meetings

The committee will hold its next meeting on ***Monday, February 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in the Legislative Council Large Conference Room, One East Main Street, Suite 401, Madison.***

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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