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SJR 15 Subcommittee Agenda* January 24, 2008 Room 137

11 a.m. Introductions of Roundtable Participants, Audience
Explanation of roundtable format for discussion

Statements of Concern by Roundtable Participants

(5 to 10 minutes each -- may be interrupted by people getting food for lunch*)

The focus of these statements should be: how does the current economic credentialing definition or regulation of specialty hospitals impact your ability to earn a living/hire physicians or other medical personnel/ compete with other medical providers/retain a safety net -- and why?

Roundtable discussion of the following questions:

- how would you structure a system for now and 20 years into the future that best serves a member of your family regardless of how the care is paid for?
 - vertical integration of medical facilities and care providers?
 - independent practitioners limited -- or not limited -- from referring to facilities in which they have ownership?
 - mix of systems?
 - no state regulatory interference?
 - regulated competition?
 - other?
- is there a need for regulating new players in the system or existing players on the basis of preventing holes in the health care safety net?
- which of the following options do you think should be taken in relation to the economic credentialing statute 50-5-117, MCA:
 - allow the statute to expire June 30, 2009, as currently is in the law;
 - draft a bill to remove the expiration date, retaining the statute as is;
 - allow expiration and draft new approaches that (either):
 - ▶ prohibit/limit conflict of interest referrals or
 - ▶ prohibit/limit vertical integration of health care facilities;
 - revise the definition of economic credentialing;
 - address concerns that nonprofit community hospitals provide charity care while for-profit medical facilities do not by:
 - ▶ considering ways to create an uncompensated care pool;
 - ▶ require anyone receiving public funds to accept a certain percentage of uncompensated care;
 - ▶ include in professional licensing requirements a provision requiring "pro bono" coverage of low-income, uninsured patients; or a contribution to an uncompensated care pool;
 - ▶ require joint ventures in which one participant is a for-profit and the other a nonprofit to provide the same ratio of charity care;
 - ▶ other?

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- which of the following options do you think should be taken in relation to the specialty hospital statute, 50-5-245, and the definition in 50-5-101, MCA:
 - retain the statute as is;
 - revise, taking into account relevant issues raised for economic credentialing; or
 - repeal.
- what other issues do you see if compromise is requested?

Ideas from Elsewhere

Dr. Edward McEachern, Initiatives Healthcare, Inc., Idaho

Public Comment

~ 4 p.m. Set next meeting date (if any). Adjourn

* Lunch will be provided to roundtable participants. Audience may bring a lunch or let staff know in advance and provide us with \$5 per person to expand the offerings of cold cuts, meat, veggies, fruit, etc.

If you plan to attend the meeting and are in need of special services or accommodations, please contact Pat Murdo, by phone, 406-444-3594, or email at pmurdo@mt.gov before the meeting.

The following have indicated they will participate in the roundtable discussion:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Location</u>
Paul Byorth	ENT physician	Billings
Jim Elliott	Billings Physician Alliance	Billings
Jeff Fee	St. Patrick Hospital CEO	Missoula
Tamim Khaliqi	anaesthesiologist, Great Falls Cent. Med. Surgery Cntr	Great Falls
James Kiser	St. James Hospital CEO	Butte
Kurt Kubicka	family practitioner, MMA legislative Liaison	Helena
Patti Jo Lane	physical therapist employed by Great Falls Clinic	Great Falls
Audrey Mendenhall	owner, free-standing imaging centers	Butte, Helena
Jim Paquette	St. Vincent Healthcare CEO	Billings
Lorena Pettet	physical therapist in independent practice	Manhattan
Keith Popovich	internist	Butte
Mark Rumans	Billings Clinic (employed physician/physician in chief)	Billings
John Solheim	St. Peter's Hospital CEO	Helena
Velinda Stevens	HealthCenter Northwest & Kalispell Regional Med. Cntr	Kalispell
Robert Wynia	internist, former DPHHS director	Helena

Also available at the Roundtable:

Jeff Buska and Roy Kemp DPHHS Hospital Licensing
 Mary Dalton and Brett Williams DPHHS Medicaid

The audience will include additional representatives from various health care facilities, including: Mike Foster, St. Vincent Healthcare; Mark Wakai, St. Patrick Hospital; Kristianne Wilson, Billings Clinic.

*Agenda as of 1/22/2008