



## Health Care Cost Analysis Task Force Minutes 06/19/2020

Location: Virtual Meeting  
 Convened at 2:30 pm; adjourned at 4:15 pm.  
 Secretary: Carrie Cortiglio

Task Force Member		Present / Absent
Representative Emily Sirota	Colorado General Assembly	P
Representative – TBD	Colorado General Assembly	
Senator Jim Smallwood	Colorado General Assembly	P
Senator Joann Ginal, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Colorado General Assembly	P
Carrie Cortiglio, <i>Secretary</i>	Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment	P
Karla Gonzales	Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights	P
Kate Harris	Colorado Division of Insurance	A
Mitzi Moran, <i>Chair</i>	Sunrise Community Health	P
Monica VanBuskirk, <i>Treasurer</i>	Connect for Health Colorado	P
Dr. Renee Marquardt	Colorado Department of Human Services	P
Thomas (TR) Reid	Author	P
Michelle Miller	Department of Health Care Policy & Financing	P
TBD	Consumer representative	
January Montano– Coordinator	Department of Health Care Policy & Financing	P
Guests: Greg Tung, Colorado School of Public Health		

Topic	Discussion	Action / Next Steps
<b>Call to Order</b>		None.
<b>Introductions</b>	Committee introduced themselves.	None.
<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>	Task Force members given the opportunity to declare conflicts of interest.	None declared.
<b>Agenda</b>	Mitzi presented agenda for approval.	Motion: TR Second: Carrie Vote: <a href="#">Approve</a> <b>Next Steps:</b> None.
	Mitzi will send minutes via email with the materials for the next meeting.	Motion: Second: Vote: <b>Next Steps:</b> None.
<b>Public Comment</b>		
	No comments.	<b>Next Steps:</b> None.
<b>Task Force</b>		
New Members	No updates.	<b>Next Steps:</b> None.
Stakeholder Meetings in Communities	Make sure this is on the agenda for next meeting and make a decision.	<b>Next Steps:</b> Karla, Monica (lead), TR, and Renee will meet to formulate a plan for the stakeholder meetings.



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<p>CSPH Final Report</p>	<p>Greg – Provided an overview of the final report. Summary of the motivation of the project. Scoping several models. Background on other types of analysis that have been done in the country. What is necessary to do the project, quality and evaluation criteria – what is necessary for the task force to assess if a respondent to an RFP could do the work. Stakeholder feedback needed to inform key policy decisions. Suggestion: leverage the stakeholder work done by Medicaid’s RAEs to do meetings in the 7 RAE regions, ID people from RAEs on a smaller advisory group, use the PIACs?</p> <p>Mitzi – Leveraging the RAE infrastructure is interesting; however it is focused on Medicaid.</p> <p>Monica – The School of Public Health’s DQ required project plan. Is the project plan included, the non-traditional narrative rather than a Gantt chart and a timeline? Greg –Yes.</p> <p>Mitzi – What would be possible if we had \$150,000? Greg – Talk to CSPH and try to negotiate a reduced cost.</p> <p>Monica – The school met the minimum requirements of the DQ and nothing more.</p> <p>TR – The School’s final product did not meet our requirements as it indicates a process that is beyond our budget.</p>	<p>Motion: Carrie – Accept the final product from the school of public health          Second: Karla          Vote: <a href="#">Approve</a>          1 oppose TR Reid</p> <p><b>Next Steps:</b> Use the School of Public Health’s product to structure next steps for the Task Force.</p>
<p><b>Projects</b></p>		
<p>Funding Options</p>	<p>Mitzi – TCHF has moved away from funding health care reform. Caring for Colorado passed as well. Although both acknowledged this is important work, especially as the COVID pandemic has highlighted the relationship between employment and health insurance.</p> <p>Monica – Still have not heard back from Robert Wood Johnson nor the Arnold Foundation.</p> <p>TR – Commonwealth Fund indicated we can make a formal funding request. Not hopeful they will be interested.</p>	<p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sen. Ginal to ask Sen. Moreno if FY20 dollars can carry forward to next fiscal year.</li> <li>• Michelle to determine what has been allocated to this work for FY21.</li> <li>• Carrie to ask Josh about how to have more dollars allocated to HCPF for another year.</li> <li>• Monica and Mitzi will look at Commonwealth application.</li> <li>• The committee (Monica, Michelle, Mitzi) that worked on CSPH DQ will discuss what requirements and timelines are needed to select an analyst and share updates at July 17 meeting.</li> </ul>
<p>Options to move forward</p>	<p>Rep Smallwood – the legislative work behind this bill indicated a ~\$300K cost yet the funding was not provided nor is private funding coming to fruition. Need a respected and useful end product. Should the bill sponsors ask for additional funding from the legislature and if they are unwilling to fund, perhaps this initiative is not a priority at this time?</p> <p>TR - Commonwealth has studied all the models, including models we are supposed to study and their assessments are publicly available. Could we</p>	



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	<p>use that info as a basis for creating a report of our own; could the Task Force do the work?</p> <p>Monica – There is a risk that our work would be dismissed if not a solid, respected CO-focused product. Therefore, it may not be wise to use the limited legislative funds toward something less than that goal.</p> <p>Rep Sirota and Karla – It is not the time to seek additional funds from legislators as all funds need directed toward supporting those most impacted by the pandemic.</p> <p>Michelle – Don't forget the process and time involved with a DQ / RFP.</p> <p>After much discussion, the Task Force identified the following options to move forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Release an RFP / DQ / ??, indicating the goals and funds available. See if we get responses.</li><li>2. Continue trying to fundraise, seeking the estimated \$250k needed for the first option in the CSPH's report – then release RFP / DQ / ??.</li><li>3. Use Commonwealth studies and layer Colorado data. Submit RFP / DQ / ?? for this approach.</li><li>4. Submit a report in September to the legislature, asking for an extension of the deadline to give time to raise additional funds.</li></ol>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	One meeting in July, 2 meetings in August, then reassess.	Next Meeting: 7/17/2020 2:30pm. Virtual meeting expected.