



## Health Care Cost Analysis Task Force Minutes 04/17/2020

Location: Virtual Meeting

Convened at 2:30 pm; adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Secretary: Mitzi Moran

Task Force Member		Present / Absent
Representative Emily Sirota	Colorado General Assembly	P
Representative – TBD	Colorado General Assembly	
Senator Jim Smallwood	Colorado General Assembly	A
Senator Joann Ginal, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Colorado General Assembly	P
Carrie Cortiglio, <i>Secretary</i>	Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment	A
Karla Gonzales	Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights	P
Kate Harris	Colorado Division of Insurance	P
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: Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care – Bill Semple Colorado School of Public Health – Gregory Tung, Beth McManus		

Topic	Discussion	Action / Next Steps
<b>Call to Order</b>		None.
<b>Introductions</b>	Committee & guests 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: Monica Second: TR Reid Vote: <a href="#">Approve</a> <b>Next Steps:</b> None.
	Mitzi presented minutes for approval.	Motion: Monica Second: Karla Vote: <a href="#">Approve</a> <b>Next Steps:</b> None.
<b>Public Comment</b>		
	Bill Semple questioned, should our work be specific or clarify the three models of health care systems?	<b>Next Steps:</b> None.
<b>Task Force</b>		
New Members	No updates; January continues reaching out.	<b>Next Steps:</b> None.



Meetings in Community linked to Stakeholder meetings	No updates. Planning impacted by COVID; will consider meetings in summer and fall.	<b>Next Steps:</b> Discuss at next meeting.
COVID Updates	Task Force members shared updates from their perspective on COVID (its impact on their organizations, communities, etc).	<b>Next Steps:</b> None.
<b>Projects</b>		
Cost: Oregon study (by Rand) & 208 Commission	We do not have information yet about the costs of other, similar, analyses. One potential funder has issued grants between \$150-550k to smaller scope efforts.	<b>Next Steps:</b> TR and Mitzi to reach out to previous 208 Commission members, asking the cost of their work.
What are other states doing?	We have a draft outreach letter but have not yet contacted the similar commissions in other states.	<b>Next Steps:</b> Monica, Sen Ginal, Carrie to reach out to other states to inquire about lessons learned and the potential to join a future task force meeting.
Scoping and Planning work	<p>Greg and Beth presented four approaches to the fiscal analyses, highlighting the costs and pros/cons of each. Discussion focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the value of micro-simulation modeling – applying Colorado data to give more relevance and enable analysis of the impact to populations that are often under-represented in the current literature. Would a more robust tool / analysis give people confidence in the findings / recommendations? Would that confidence be needed to make decisions in their own organizations, lives, policy making, and when voting?</li> <li>the value of investing in a tool that can be used in the future versus something that is a single point in time snapshot.</li> <li>the potential criticism / dismissal of a tool that relies heavily on current literature &amp; overlays Colorado data.</li> <li>the value of using current literature and existing modeling – timeliness, applicability, and cost effectiveness.</li> <li>the costs associated with microsimulation models – is it feasible to pursue such a model?</li> <li>the economic pressures the State, funders, everyone is facing as a result of COVID.</li> </ul> <p>Greg wondered if there was possible alignment with research grant funding, noting the lengthy timelines associated with such funding.</p>	<b>Next Steps:</b> Monica and Mitzi to pursue funding opportunities. Identifying what funding may be possible will help the Task Force “select” a model to pursue.
Fundraising	Fundraising options were discussed.	<b>Next Steps:</b> See above - Scoping and Planning Work Next Steps.
<b>Adjourn</b>		Next Meeting: May 1, 2020 2:30pm. Virtual meeting expected.

**Request from TR:** Can we use Zoom (or another platform) for the next meeting? **Next Steps:** Mitzi to research.