

Attendees

Task Force Members Present:

Dr. Rahul Gupta, Chair; Christina Mullins; Chuck Thayer; Amy Atkins; Deputy Secretary Jeremiah Samples; and Anne Williams

Participated via conference call:

Chad Bundy; Dr. David Didden; Dr. Adam Breinig; Melissa Kinnaird; Vivian Parsons; Patricia Pope; Patti Hamilton; Bill Kearns; Dr. Stephen Worden; Lloyd White; Danny Scalise; Senator Chris Walters; and Delegate Michael Pushkin

Task Force Members Absent:

Terri Giles, Jim Kranz; Senator Ryan Ferns; Ted Cheatham; Tim Hazelett; Walt Ivey; Andy Skidmore; Barb Taylor; Sandra Ball; Delegate Joe Ellington; Senator Jeff Johnson; Jack McClung; Delegate Charles Roskovensky; and Gregory Hand

Other Participants:

Rebecca Schmidt; Toby Wagoner; Brian Skinner; John Law; and Drema Mace

Agenda

PHITF Chair, Dr. Rahul Gupta, welcomed everyone to the meeting. All PHITF members introduced themselves.

December 9, 2015 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Lloyd White reported two errors that need to be modified on page 4 of the minutes – to remove the word “fees” and to replace the word “restructure” with “reorganize.” Patti Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes with changes incorporated. Christina Mullins seconded the motion. None opposed and motion was passed.

Amy Atkins stated the final PHITF report was distributed on 12/17 and that technical edits were received and would be incorporated. Danny Scalise asked that nomination forms and media reports be added as attachments. Dr. Gupta asked if there was any interest in making a motion to accept the report. Danny Scalise made a motion and asked that a copy be sent to the legislature. Patricia Pope seconded the motion. Dr. Gupta asked if there was any other discussion related to the report. Vivian Parsons asked that the report be sent to her again. Patti Hamilton asked if there is a dissemination list for the report. Amy stated it will go out to the PHITF, will be placed on the Center for Local Health (CLH) website, will be distributed to local health departments (LHDs), and will be open for distribution to anyone else. Dr. Gupta stated

the final report will be publicly available and that the edits received will be considered and a revised report will be circulated. Dr. Gupta asked if there were other member discussions or any public comment. Receiving none, he asked all those in favor to signify by saying "I". All were in favor and the final report passed unanimously.

Dr. Gupta expressed appreciation to the members for their engagement and time over the last 8 months. He stated that members' input and expertise has been very helpful. Dr. Gupta welcomed any comments from the PHITF members. Jeremiah Samples commended the work of the PHITF for pulling people together to deal with issues in which we all have a vested interest. He asked whether, as we look to legislative session, there is anything DHHR can do to support the efficient provision of services in local health. Dr. Gupta invited local health department members to respond. Lloyd White stated he didn't think there is any legislation currently that would prevent local health departments from sharing resources. Mr. White felt the LHDs would like to see the ability to bill for more services such as HIV and STD testing, and that billing would reduce long term dependence on public funds and increase local health sustainability. Dr. Gupta stated that clearly there are some factors that prevent billing for services currently.

Dr. Gupta asked for any last comments around the conclusion of the PHITF, and again thanked the PHITF members for their engagement and deliberation. He stated, "*I believe this work is fundamental, not just to next year but the years to come. I believe we will be looked on as leaders by other states to build our public health system for Public Health in the 21st Century.*" Dr. Gupta stated that the Bureau's next steps will be to work with each of the PHITF members to implement the PHITF recommendations in the coming year.

PHITF Chair, Dr. Gupta asked for any final comments. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to adjourn. Vivian Parsons made a motion to adjourn and Anne Williams seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.