



## San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department

# MEETING MINUTES

### Coverage Initiative Planning Project (CIPP)

### Stakeholder Work Group

### Meeting #1 – Thursday, September 30, 2010, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

The meeting convened at 2:45 PM.

#### Attendance

*Members attending:* Richard Phillips, Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center; Abby Lassen, CRLA; Amy Gilman, SLO Co Board of Supervisors-Patterson; Sue Anderson, CHW-French/Arroyo Grande Hospitals; Villa Infanto, Arroyo Grande Community Hospital-CNE; Larry Bacus, Community Health Centers (CHC); Bob Lotwala, CHC; Theresa Merkle, CenCal Health; Rick Lyons, Twin Cities Community Hospital; J. Khan, CHC; Ron Castle, CHC; Chris Mitsuoka, CHC

*Others attending:* Jeff Hamm, SLO Co Health Agency; Penny Borenstein, SLO Co Public Health Dept.; Marsha Bollinger, SLO Co Public Health Dept.; Mike Stevens, SLO Co Health Agency; Joel Diringer, Diringer & Associates; Deanne Purcell, SLO Co Health Systems; Jennifer Shay, SLO Co Public Health Dept.

#### Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose of Today's Meeting

Penny Borenstein, SLO Co Public Health Officer welcomed the Committee members and began introductions. She stated that the purpose of today's meeting was to convene stakeholder representatives who currently comprise our county's health care safety net and to form an advisory committee to examine opportunities for developing a Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI) in our county.

*Handouts provided:* Agenda; List of CIPP Acronyms; UCLA Health Policy Fact Sheet (California Section 1115 Waiver Proposal attached); U.S. Census Bureau Data Sheet for SLO County; SLO County 2010 County Coverage Expansion Grant Application to BSCF

#### *Resource links provided:*

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/SACMeetings.aspx>

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) webpage.

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/WaiverRenewal.aspx>

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Waiver Renewal Resource Page.

Background— Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver, HCCI, and Health Care Reform

Jeff Hamm, SLO Co Health Agency Director explained to the Committee that the state currently manages a statewide HCCI under the Section 1115 Medi-Cal Waiver, which allows counties to draw down available federal funds, matched with local dollars, to provide coverage to medically indigent adults not otherwise eligible for state or federal programs. He said that 10 counties in the state currently have an HCCI under this program, and the state has requested an expansion of its HCCI program to include more counties, through the Section 1115 Waiver. He further explained that the state's intent of the expanded HCCI program is a transition to the significant changes that will occur in 2014 under federal health reform.

Penny Borenstein commented that the possible effects of establishing a local Care Initiative are unknown and that research and planning are needed to determine if a Care Initiative is right for our county.

Blue Shield of California Foundation (BSCF) Grant

Jeff Hamm stated that BSCF recognizes that this is a complex planning process and is investing in the planning efforts for counties through non-competitive grants. SLO County applied for and was awarded a planning grant from BSCF with the following deliverables:

1. By October 1, convene local stakeholders to examine opportunities for developing an HCCI.
2. By January 1, complete data analysis on current and projected safety net use, financing, and demographics for HCCI eligibles and present this data to the stakeholders.
3. By April 1, develop alternative enrollment, coverage, and delivery models for the medically indigent in preparation for submitting an HCCI plan to the state.
4. By June 1, decide whether to submit and application to the California Department of Health Care Services for creation of an HCCI.

He informed the Committee that the County is planning to enter into a sole-source agreement with Diring & Associates, a consulting firm that is uniquely qualified to assist us and guide us through the analytical process. He added that the intent of this group is to participate in frequent meetings and share information.

Joel Diring emphasized that the target population for this Initiative is the medically indigent, adult population.

Penny Borenstein added that we will need to carefully review our CMSP population utilization and also understand what level of pro-bono care for this target population is cared for in the private sector.

Ron Castle commented that although the state's eligibility criteria specifies legal residents, we should also understand the total population of medically indigent, including un-documented.

Penny Borenstein replied that we still need to care for this population and should capture these numbers as well to the best of our ability since this group has an affect on provider capacity.

Jeff Hamm asked the Committee to let us know if we are missing a segment of the stakeholder community that is not represented here. He thanked everyone for today's attendance and that Public Health will contact everyone again very soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 PM.