

## **Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation Workforce Advisory Group**

July 30, 2010 Meeting Summary

Representative Morrell and Senator Becker agreed to serve as Co-Chairs.

Rep. Morrell presented her draft guiding principles to the group.

"The advisory group will focus on developing budget-neutral (or budget saving) legislation that will help establish a statewide workforce policy designed to increase Washington residents' access to primary care by:

- Using interdisciplinary teams to provide primary care;
- Adjusting the scope of practice of providers to make a team approach to primary care as efficient as possible;
- Focusing on quality management; and
- Ensuring that providers are adequately trained in providing primary care in a team setting."

Sen. Becker added that she would like the group to focus on the different levels of staff necessary to support primary care physicians to assist them in seeing patients in a meaningful way.

The group was questioned on goals. The group discussed these areas in general:

- Altering care delivery/reimbursement models.
- Models from other states.
- Integrated systems of care such as the Medical home model.
- Education.
  - Degree creep. Is an advanced degree necessary?
  - Lack of qualified faculty.
  - Cost of education.
  - Preparing high school students for health careers.
- Behavioral health component. How can this be supported?
- What kind of providers do we need?
- Pilot models currently operating in Washington.
- Definition of primary care.
- Medical malpractice reform.
- Ensuring that professionals are practicing at the "top" of their current scopes of practice/licenses.
- Expanding scope of practice.
- Dental issues.
- Institutional licensure.

Next meeting. August 24.

- The group is to send their goals to staff for review by the Co-Chairs.
- HCA is to present reports on pilot projects.
- Maddie Thompson is to present data on primary care providers.