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**Board of Supervisors Asthma Task Force
Clinical Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on January 26, 2004
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA**

Members In Attendance:, Karen Cohn, Barbara Conner-Anderson, Kathy Thomas Perry, Gloria Thornton, Peg Strub
Absent Members: Richard Castro, Lisa Kroon, MariaElena Alioto.
Guests and Staff: Tirtza Rosenberg

Peg Strub stated that Marie Elena and Lisa Kroon are working on revising the Clinician survey.

Gloria Thornton spoke about the various types of insurance coverages. She divided her report into Payors; Consult Services; Educational Services and Fund Raising.

Payors/ Private Insurance

- I. Public Insurance Programs
 - A. CPS
 - B. Medicare
- II. Fee for Service Medical
 - A. Service to the aged, blind and disabled
 - B. Paid for by State and Federal Fund match
- III. Managed MediCal
 - A. San Francisco Health Plan
 - 1. Kaiser
 - 2. San Francisco General
 - 3. CHN
 - 4. UCSF
 - 5. St. Luke's
 - 6. North East Medical Services
 - 7. Chinese Community Health Care Association
 - B. A commercial Plan/Blue Cross
- IV. Healthy Families
 - A. San Francisco Health Plan
 - B. Blue Cross
 - C. Health Net
 - D. Blue Shield

Private – Not for Profit Health Care

- A. San Francisco Health Authority
 - 1. They are designated in this county to work with the Center for Health Care Strategy to develop the best practices in asthma for this county.

Survey

Gloria Thornton has put together a survey for the private payors. She stated she will do this survey over the phone.

She has identified the Private/Commercial Plans as: Cigna, Blue Cross, Health Net, Pacific Care, Blue Shield and Aetna.

A survey of public payors can be done, it would be a little different from the private payor survey.

A discussion was held regarding the difficulty of MediCal billings and the lack of Eligibility Workers. A suggestion was made to ask the providers if they have a MediCal Pin number and the machine to check MediCal eligibility at the time of the patient's appointment.

There are four ways to check a person's eligibility in MediCal: Use the POS card; call on the phone; access the Healthy Families Web Site and use the MediCal machine.

Some clinics have a person who will enroll a person on site. Most are enrolled at enrollment events.

Meeting Adjourned (2:00p.m.)