

UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE COUNCIL 2013 SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2013 | 10 -11:30 AM | 25 Van Ness Avenue, Room 610

1. Opening Remarks

Mayor Ed Lee welcomed the Universal Healthcare Council (UHC) and discussed his vision for Council: a deliberate and thoughtful process that seeks to get all San Franciscans covered by health insurance.

2. Co-Chair Remarks

UHC Co-Chairs Ms. Garcia and Dr. Hernandez welcomed UHC members and reviewed health care accomplishments in the City since the last UHC proceedings in 2006.

3. Agenda Review and Introductions

Council members introduced themselves.

4. Discussion of Mission, Goals, Principles, and Structure

The Co-Chairs reviewed the mission, goals, and structure for Council proceedings and outlined the draft guiding principles.

- The five draft principles:
 1. Support the Affordable Care Act
 2. Maximize Enrollment into Health Insurance
 3. Leverage State and Federal Funding
 4. Maintain Healthy San Francisco
 5. Maximize Affordability

UHC members discussed primarily principles 1 and 5::

- The ACA builds on what San Francisco began and this presents an opportunity for San Francisco to continue to lead the way in health care access.
- Affordability is a critical factor affecting individual decisions to enroll into health insurance.
- While access to affordable health care services through Healthy San Francisco is critical, health insurance is better and San Francisco's policies should not impede full implementation of the ACA or create an alternative to insurance.
- Key principle in previous UHC was shared responsibility, which should be retained for this UHC process.

Draft principles will be edited to reflect UHC discussion and will be brought to the UHC for discussion at the next meeting.

The Co-Chairs discussed the UHC structure and expectations of UHC members:

- Members rather than proxies should attend all meetings and everyone should be looking at the same data
- The UHC's research team will compile and present data as relevant to Council proceedings. UHC members seeking to submit data or resources should forward such information to Colleen Chawla.
- UHC process will result in thoughtful, informed recommendations
- Consensus will be sought where possible, but all recommendations will be reported to the Mayor

Meeting agendas will be set based on what is accomplished at meetings and the Council's discussion or data needs

5. Public Comment

An insurance broker specializing in benefits administration commented that the elimination of stand-alone HRAs is causing complications for business owners, and the UHC should address this issue sooner rather than later.

6. Closing Comments and Next Steps

- Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| October 10, 2013 | 10AM-12PM | 25 Van Ness Ave, Room 610 |
| October 24, 2013 | 10AM-12PM | 25 Van Ness Ave, Room 610 |
| November 7, 2013 | 10AM-12PM | 25 Van Ness Ave, Room 610 |
| November 14, 2013 | 10AM-12PM | 25 Van Ness Ave, Room 610 |

Members Present:

- Stephen Adams
- Rob Black
- Warren Browner
- Eddie Chan
- Anni Chung
- Steve Fields
- Gordon Fung
- Estela Garcia
- Barbara Garcia
- Scott Hauge
- Sandra Hernandez
- Ken Jacobs
- Perry Lang
- Mark Laret
- Ian Lewis
- Sonia Melara
- Rebecca Miller
- Bob Muscat
- Fred Naranjo
- Tim Paulson
- Wade Rose
- Ben Rosenfield
- Amor Santiago
- Ron Smith
- John Stead-Mendez
- Brenda Storey
- Laurie Thomas
- Richard Thomason
- Ana Valdes
- Chris Wright
- Brenda Yee
- Dena Lahn (Alternate for John Gressman)
- Jim Ilig (Alternate for Christine Robisch)
- Jim Lazerus (Alternate for Bob Linsheid)
- Noelle Simmons (Alternate for Trent Rhorer)

Materials Distributed:

- Member Binder
- List of Council Members
- Glossary of Terms
- Meeting Agenda
- "Progress since 2006"
- "Mission, Goals, Principles, and Structure"
- "Overview of the Affordable Care Act"
- "Health Care Access Programs in San Francisco"
- State and Federal Programs Available in San Francisco At-a-Glance"
- "Key Employer-related Provisions under the Health Care Security Ordinance (HCSO) & the Affordable Care Act (ACA) At-a-Glance"
- "Insurance Status in San Francisco"
- "Insurance Status at a Glance"