



Rhode Island Health Care Cost Trends Project
Steering Committee Meeting Summary
301 Metro Center Blvd., Suite 203, Warwick
December 19, 2018
2:00pm - 2:30pm

Steering Committee Attendees:

Tim Babineau, Lifespan
Al Charbonneau, Rhode Island Business Group on Health
Marie Ganim, Co-chair, Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner
Peter Hollmann, Rhode Island Medical Society
Kim Keck, Co-chair, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island
Al Kurose, Co-chair, Coastal Medicine
Sam Salganik, Rhode Island Parent Information Network
John Simmons, Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council
Neil Steinberg, Rhode Island Foundation
Jim Fanale, Care New England
Thomas Croswell, Tufts Health Plan
Peter Marino, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island

Steering Committee Members Unable to Attend:

Adriana Dawson, Bank Newport
Chris Koller, Milbank Memorial Fund
Larry Wilson, The Wilson Organization
Stephen Farrell, UnitedHealthcare of New England
Teresa Paiva Weed, Hospital Association of Rhode Island
Betty Rambur, University of Rhode Island College of Nursing

Steering Committee Staff Attendees:

Cory King, Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner
Anya Rader Wallack, Brown University
Megan Burns, Bailit Health

Welcome

- Kim Keck, CEO of BCBSRI and Steering Committee Co-Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Steering Committee.
- Commissioner Marie Ganim stated that the Steering Committee has convened today to discuss and sign the compact. Commissioner Ganim said a few words about the next steps which include getting signatures from Steering Committee members who were not present. Governor Raimondo will issue an Executive Order to further the overall effort.
- Commissioner Ganim asked if there was any feedback on the final draft of the compact. The co-chairs previously incorporated the feedback which was received from members of the Steering Committee before the meeting. No further comments on the compact were received.
- Kim Keck expressed her appreciation for the members of the Steering Committee getting to a place where the parties could agree on a path forward which will create change.
- Dr. Al Kurose, CEO of Coastal Medical and Steering Committee Co-Chair, thanked the members of the Steering Committee for this significant accomplishment.
- The Steering Committee thanked the Peterson Center on Healthcare for its support of this project, as well as Brown University and Bailit Health.
- The members of the Steering Committee proceeded to pass the compact around the room for signature.
- Dr. Tim Babineau, CEO of Lifespan, asked if a pdf of the signed compact could be circulated so that he could share it with his board.

Public Comment

- Lisa Tomasso, speaking on behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, stated that HARI President Teresa Paiva Weed could not attend the meeting due to previously scheduled travel. Ms. Tomasso stated that the HARI board would be meeting in January to discuss the compact.