



**All Payer Hospital System Modernization Advisory Council
Status Report; 11/25/13**

Introduction

This document serves as the first status report from the All Payer Hospital System Modernization Advisory Council (Advisory Council) to the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC).

Advisory Council Activity

HSCRC Kickoff Meeting

The Advisory Council convened in a joint session with the HSCRC on November 13, 2013. At that meeting the Council heard presentations on the Proposed Model Application, implementation goals and challenges, and the HSCRC's charge to the Council.

First Meeting of the Advisory Council

The first meeting of the Advisory Council was held on November 21, 2013. During the session, the Council heard presentations on the new model performance requirements, and staff proposed short-term, mid-term and long-term implementation priorities as well as ranking criteria for successful implementation. The Council also discussed the high level objectives of its final report which are to provide the following three items:

1. Stakeholder Priorities for Implementation Phasing
2. Guiding Principles for Ensuring Successful Implementation
3. Recommended Areas for Work Group Focus.

In its discussion of priorities and guiding principles, the Council began to define critical issues that must be addressed, and how it's recommendations to the Commission should be organized. There were emerging areas of consensus on some of the issues discussed, and the Council made good initial progress on developing an organizational framework for setting implementation priorities and guiding principles. This early progress will be explored in more depth at the next Council meeting as the Council reaches more consensus and specificity regarding these priorities and guiding principles.

The Council also received a staff document outlining the schedule of meetings and deliverables which will lead to the completion of the final report (see below). This provides a high level work plan for meetings to be held over the next two months.

Advisory Council Meeting Schedule/ Workplan

Date	Meeting Products
November 21, 2013 10-12	1. Advisory Council Schedule and Work Plan 2. Advisory Council Report Objectives

Sheraton Town Hall Center Columbia, MD	3. Initial discussion of implementation priorities and guiding principles. Follow Up: Council members to share their thoughts on potential guiding principles and implementation priorities with Council staff via email. Council staff will provide additional information to members on issues that were raised during the meeting, including gainsharing models, and a webinar to review the model proposal.
December 12, 2013 10-12 HSCRC Conference Room 100	1. Initial draft of Consensus Guiding Principles; Comments on areas still under discussion. 2. Initial draft of Implementation Phasing Priority recommendations; Comments on areas still under discussion. 3. Initial draft of recommendations for Work Group focus. Follow-up: Council Staff will circulate draft of the status report outlining the 3 items above, for Council Member review and comment.
January 9, 2014 (Tentative) 10-12 HSCRC Conference Room, 100	1. Final Consensus on Guiding Principles, and comments on areas where there is still disagreement. 2. Final Consensus on implementation phasing priorities, and comments on areas where there is still disagreement. 3. Final recommendations on issues to be considered by the Work Groups. Follow-up: Council Staff will circulate a draft of the final report for review and comment
January 23, 2014 (Tentative) 10-12 Location: TBD	1. Council Final Recommendations on: a) Guiding Principles for Implementation b) Stakeholder Priorities for Implementation Phasing and Project Plan c) Issues for Workgroup consideration.

Report Due Dates	
December 4, 2013	Status Report - Provide work plan for Advisory Council
December 30, 2013	Status Report- Provide update on Advisory Council Work
January 27, 2014	Final Report – Recommendations

Public Comment and Feedback

The Advisory Council is reserving time at the end of each of its meetings for the public in attendance to make brief comments or ask questions. Additionally, the public is being encouraged to submit comments on the Council's work via email to hsrc.stakeholders@maryland.gov. Comments received have been posted on the Advisory Council's webpage on the HSCRC website and can be found at the

following link: <http://www.hscrc.state.md.us/hscrc-advisory-council.cfm>. To date the Council has received comments and recommendations from one organization, the Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform. In addition to the public comments received, the Advisory Council website also includes links to meeting agendas, presentations and will include links to meeting notes/minutes.

Advisory Council Status

The Advisory Council is currently on track to complete its final report to the HSCRC by the end of January. The Council is clear on its charge, and is working to complete it. The Advisory Council understands that Work Groups are being convened in the beginning of 2014 to discuss technical aspects of implementation in detail, and that the Council will reconvene during the Work Group process to hear updates on Work Group progress, and to provide feedback to the HSCRC on Work Group findings and reports.

As the Advisory Council process continues, the HSCRC will be notified of any major issues, questions, and/or identified barriers which could impact the Council's completion of its charge.