

## Intergovernmental Cooperative Council Minutes

Washburn University Student Union

Vogel Room

January 17, 2012

7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Julie Ford (USD 501)  
Hal Gardner (USD 501)  
Marilyn Greeve (USD 501)  
Larry Robbins (USD 501)  
Dr. Brenda Dietrich (USD 437)  
Dr. Rob Balsters (USD 345)  
Rusty Doty (USD 450)  
Marty Stessman (USD 450)  
Commissioner Shelly Buhler (SN County)  
Commissioner Mary Thomas (SN County)  
Stephen Lusk (TSCPL)  
Bob Archer (City of Topeka)  
Dr. Cynthia Hornberger (W.U.)  
Eric Johnson (MTAA)  
Juanita States (MTAA)  
Cheryl Trobough (MTAA)  
Lea Billinger (League of Women Voters)  
June Windscheffel (League of Women Voters)

### **Old Business:**

- Introductions of members and visitors were made.
- We reviewed the minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting. Minutes were approved.

### **New Business**

- 1.) Rusty Doty continued the conversation on Health Care Reform.
  - Beginning in 2014, there will be a penalty for employers that do not offer health insurance to employees at a reasonable cost. Mr. Doty distributed a handout explaining the penalties and because all of the businesses represented at the meeting are defined as "large", Mr. Doty presentation focused on penalties assessed to large businesses.
  - Beginning in 2011 through 2019, a patient center research fee is being assessed to fund research; however, a contractor has not been named as yet.

Questions:

- 1.) **What is the penalty?** Mr. Doty reviewed the Summary of Potential Employer Penalties Under PPACA (P.L. 111-148). The same criteria is used for fully insured and self-insured businesses.
- 2.) **What is “going to the exchange”?** Beginning in 2014, individuals who are not offered employer-sponsored coverage and who are not eligible for Medicaid or other programs may be eligible for premium credits for coverage through an exchange. Individual states are building the information and the treasurer’s office will inform individuals if they are eligible. The individual then selects the insurance program that fits their needs. The deadline for developing the exchange for states is July 2013.
- 3.) **What is the definition of adequate and affordable insurance?** Adequate will be defined in 2014; affordable is defined as not more than 9.5% of the individual’s income.
- 4.) **What about short-term employees? What criteria is used for determining eligibility?** If the employee works less than 120 days, they are ineligible. The definition for part-time employees is 24 hours per week.

More Old Business:

2.) Draft of ICC Brochure.

The brochure was approved for distribution.

3.) Focus for 2012

- Continue health care reform (April)
- Update on Heartland Visioning/Legislative positions on tax (February)
- Tax policy
- Discussion on partnering

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.