



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Monday, June 6, 2016

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

TMC 2450 Boardroom

2450 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77021

Council Members Present:

Betty N. Adams, Prairie View A&M

Jennifer Herricks, Rice

Rose McStay, Texas Children's Hospital

Johnna Carlson, Texas Children's Hospital

Stephen Linder, UTHealth

King Hillier, Harris County Hospital District

Ashlea Quinonez, Memorial Hermann

Alicia Lee, Greater Houston Partnership

Scott Forbes, UTHealth

Remmele Young, Houston Community College System

TMC Members Present:

Dr. Tim Garson, Director of Health Policy

Chase Untermeyer, Special Advisor for International Affairs

Tatum Boatwright, Marketing Associate

HIGHLIGHTS

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Rosie Valadez, Texas Children’s Hospital & Dr. Tim Garson, Texas Medical Center
 - The meeting commenced shortly after noon, everyone present was welcomed and introduced themselves.

- II. Discussion – 2016 Health Report Survey Results – Dr. Tim Garson, Texas Medical Center
 - Dr. Garson shared his second annual survey on consumer health report 2016 that he presented at the Medical World Americas conference in May, 2016. Dr. Garson shared and displayed the statistics from five states (Texas, California, Ohio, New York and Florida) in the United States that participated in the data collection. The participants were selected for 2016 based on their expansion with Medicaid or not.
 - The presentation outlined the respondents answers with coverage importance, the cost of health care and the expansion on Medicaid overall. At the end of his presentation, Dr. Garson shared the key state findings for Texas. This included,
 - Cost: More consumers in Texas than any other state are paying more out of pocket for health care vs. 2 years ago and cutting down on other expenses to pay for health care.
 - Quality: Texas is worried about quality and say quality has declined in the last 2 years.
 - Coverage: 96% of Texas say having health insurance coverage is important.
 - Improving Access: Nearly 2 in 3 Texas would support Medicaid expansion in Texas and the expansion is the top way Texas would expand coverage.

- III. Update: Common Issues – Dr. Stephen Linder, UTHealth
 - Dr. Linder, UTHealth reminded the council of the Common Issues Survey that was distributed at the last council meeting. He was looking for their feedback on if this initiative of having a centralized area that will share the common voice from institutions was a good idea moving forward. As a council, they discussed that having this resource will be beneficial to the institutions on common issues and provide answers to institutions.

- Moving forward, Dr. Linder will be reaching out to the member individually to discuss the survey. By doing this, he will be able to really attain and discuss the appropriate data moving forward.

IV. Announcements & Events

- Intern Program – Dr. Stephen Linder, UTHealth
 - Throughout our campus, students are interested in becoming a part of either nonprofit, health care or governance professions after school. The Texas Medical Center campus is wanting to start an internship program that will match students to institutions based on the student's background and interests.
 - The internship program will allow for the TMC to create a formalized relationship with schools and will have the ability to maintain these relationships in future years.

V. Action Items:

- **Dr. Stephen Linder** – Follow up with council members from institutions on the common issue survey prior to our Q3_2016 meeting.
- **Council Members:** Intern or fellow at place of business please contact Brenda Kirk (bkirk@immigrationforum.org).
- **Council Members:** Please find Dr. Garson's 2016 Health Report Survey Results presentation attached.

Next Meeting:
TBD
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