

Medicaid Reform Council  
September 30, 2010 – 9:00am  
Conference Room LLF

**Call to Order**

Ms. Karloff brought the meeting to order at 9:10am

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**Roll Call**

Present – Wanda Caffrey, Senator Kathy Campbell, Gayle-ann Douglas, Alan Garey, Doris Karloff, Kathy Mallatt, Dr. Jessica Meeske, Deb Shoemaker, Jack Vetter

Absent – Jim Blue

DHHS Staff Present: Vivianne M. Chaumont

**Approve Minutes of July 15, 2010** – Ms. Mallatt made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Caffrey seconded her motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Ms. Karloff welcomed two new members, Deb Shoemaker and Alan Garey, who introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation of what they do.

Ms. Karloff asked Ms. Chaumont explained to give an overview of how the Medicaid Reform Council came to be and its purpose.

**Discussion of 2010 Medicaid Reform Report**

Ms. Chaumont presented the report and asked for questions or comments.

Senator Campbell asked Ms. Chaumont to explain how an elderly person qualifies for Medicaid if they wouldn't qualify for Medicare.

Ms. Caffrey asked about the increase in ADC adults.

Dr. Meeske asked about managed care for dental (ASOs).

Ms. Caffrey asked about the increasing outpatient hospital and the possibility of a co-pay if clients go to ER and are not admitted.

Dr. Meeske asked if Medicaid and Public Health staff could get together to fund a nurse to call 24 hours to give advice on when to come in.

Dr. Meeske asked about the 5% decrease in provider rates.

Mr. Vetter asked about optional services and whether the Department sees abuse in the system regarding fraudulent claims.

Ms. Mallatt asked about the impact of health care reform.

Ms. Karloff told members any comments or recommendations need to be submitted to Ms. Chaumont no later than November 1, 2010. Dr. Meeske made a motion to accept the report and Ms. Mallatt seconded. Voting yes (8) – Caffrey, Douglas, Garey, Karloff, Mallatt, Meeske, Shoemaker, Vetter. Abstaining (1) – Campbell.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment was provided by Kathy Hoell, representing ADAPT Nebraska, from Lincoln.

Bruce Rieker, Vice President of Advocacy for the Nebraska Hospital Association, provided comments regarding health reform.

The next meeting is set for December 8 at 9:00am.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Minutes prepared by Department of Health and Human Services staff. Minutes are intended to provide only a general summary of Council proceedings.