



LEGISLATIVE JOINT TASK FORCE ON UNIVERAL HEALTH CARE

ORGANIZATIONL MEETING SUMMARY – July 22nd, 2020

Key Issues Discussed:

- Brief introduction of members and legislators
- Task Force appointed a chair and vice-chair

Welcome, Opening Remarks

Senator James Manning Jr., and Representatives Wilde and Hayden offered opening comments about the work of the Task Force. Members briefly identified themselves through a roll call.

Task Force Considerations

Staff with the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) reviewed a high-level timeline of the Task Force ([see PPT](#)). Staff briefly highlighted a list of considerations due to the COVID-19 pandemic (see slide 4 of [PPT](#)), pending budget reductions through a second special legislative session in August, and establishing a public engagement process.

Election of Chair and Vice-chair

Senator Manning described the process to elect a chair and vice-chair as required by Senate Bill 770 (2019). Bruce Goldberg expressed interest in serving as chair, and Ed Junkins expressed interest in serving as vice-chair. Bruce Goldberg and Ed Junkins were elected unanimously as chair and vice-chair, respectively.

Discussion

Members offered suggestions and expressed interest in sharing reports and studies related to state reform initiatives that have aimed to establish a universal state-based system of coverage, including a single-payer system. Dr. Metz offered to compile and distribute a number of studies. Another member asked staff to create a web page for members to share materials, including meeting materials. Staff agreed to explore IT solutions to support an online repository for members. Rep. Hayden shared the challenges with incorporating and coordinating behavioral and mental health and highlight the importance of achieving this integration. Members inquired about proposed cuts in response to Governor Brown's directive to all executive agencies to propose budget reductions in response to COVID-19. Sen. Manning shared his understanding of the pending budget reductions. Chair and vice-chair ended the meeting with closing comments.