Health and Human Services Oversight Committee
(RSA 126-A:13)
Regular Meeting August 19, 2011
Legislative Office Building, Room 205, 10:00am

Members Present: Reps. John Reagan, Chair, Charles McMahon, J.Gail Barry and Senators Jeb Bradley, Jeanie Forrester and Raymond White

Others Present: Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, Department of Heath & Human Services; John Martin, Esq., Terry Smith and Lynn Wilder, Department of Health & Human Services

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Reagan.

The minutes of the May 23rd and July 8th meetings were approved.

John Martin, Esq. presented the Adverse Events Reporting Program 2010 Report (attached). This was the first report under RSA 151:37-40. He stated that 16 of 29 hospitals reported adverse events. No consumer complaints were received by the Department of Health & Human Services concerning the 42 adverse events reported. Complaints are handled by Health Facilities Administration – Certification (HFA-C) as two distinct actions.

Terry Smith and Lynn Wilder presented the FANF Financial Assistance Program semi-annual report. The report showed that from April 2010 – April 2011 families receiving FANF related programs have decreased slightly to an overall 4% decrease in cases. All categories experienced a decrease with the exception of the IDP program which experienced an increase of 26 cases.

Demand for FANF services remains high due to the economic conditions. Caseloads per workers have also increased by 22%. The demand for food stamps has an increase of 8% over last year.

Town welfare has supplemented FANF.

Commissioner Toumpas presented his views on Dashboard Updates and report of Implementation of Managed Care. He gave a detailed report on pilot programs using Medical Home and ACO (Accountable Care Organizations) types and its effects. The program must meet compliance with federal and state law and achieve savings of $16 million in GF over the biennium. The date faces a challenge with the estimated Medicaid expansion by 1/14 of 50,000 new enrollees. Collaboration must be reached with pertinent legislative committees, system infrastructure and vendors. DHHS will hold regional forums in September.

On the family planning update Commissioner Toumpas stated that the state will lose control of the oversight to the US government since we do not have coverage in the entire state.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. J. Gail Barry, Clerk