

Insure Montana Advisory Council Meeting Minutes - October 6, 2009

Present: Representative Hunter, Kara Bonahoom, Carol Roy, Monica Lindeen, Representative MacLaren, Senator Kaufmann, Jim Edwards, Frank Cote, Jill Sark, Daren Engellant

Present via Conference Call: Senator Zinke, Ron Dewsnap

Commissioner Lindeen opened the meeting, thanking everyone for taking the time to participate in the council. She explained that she had heard feedback and comments regarding the Insure Montana program while campaigning with most comments positive but there were some concerns. She has formed the advisory council to gather ideas on how the program could be improved. The expectation is that the council will review the program and make recommendations of improvement.

Members introduced themselves and provided their interest in the program.

Discussion regarding the structure of the council—it was decided not to follow a formal process. Jill will continue to develop the agenda and schedule meetings.

Jill provided a power point presentation of an overview of the Insure Montana program.

Members had an open discussion of areas that could be reviewed by this council.

The top four areas include:

1. funding source
2. federal health reform
3. purchasing pool subsidy calculation
4. program participation (number of employees; sole proprietors).

The next meeting was scheduled for December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (meeting place to be announced).