

## SSU Health Care Crisis Work Group Meeting Notes of 3/16/04

Attending: Susan Herring, Alan Proulx, Vincent Richman, Skip Robinson, Richard Zimmer

Notetaker: Jessica Froiland

Call to order 12:07 PM

### Informal Discussion

- Reviewed publicity flier draft to be mailed tonight. Discussion and editing ensued.
- On track overall; we are ahead of where the group was last year at this time; pleased with progress today.
- No charge to attend conference. First 100 attendees get a free lunch, attendees over that will be asked for a \$10 donation.
- Chamber of Commerce Health Committee met this morning—Richard Zimmer announced the health care crisis conference and passed out fliers. May ask the Chamber to co-sponsor the conference (without money). The conference is open to the public, which is important to the Chamber. Workers Compensation is issue for Chamber right now, problems with insurance companies and doctors, NOT with workers. Employers are trying to blame workers for what are really systemic problems. Think about this issue as it relates to health care. Think about plan design, how to integrate Workers Compensation (could be an area of great cost savings). Some experiments in California, referred to as “24-Hour Care.”

(Tangential: substance abusers can't return to work until they're “clean,” but who is responsible for the health care and rehabilitation of that individual?)

- Skip referred to the poster of main stakeholder categories and asked the assembled group if anything was missing.

### Checklist

- Publicity
- Speakers
- Facilitators
- Conference Room
- Schedule of Conference
- Invitations/Reservations
- Fundraising
- Volunteers & Speakers (prepare letters for them)
- Past Conference Activities

### Conference Schedule for Saturday, April 24, 9 AM-5 PM (from board)

9-11 AM      Humanely moderating costs

#### Room 1

Speakers	Topics
George Flores	Envisioning the “Whole”
Debra Hammond	Prevention
Bob Dozor	Community Public Health
Glenn Brassington	Cost-offset effects
Beez Shell	

#### Room 2

Speakers	Topics
Karen Taranto	Qualitative Findings
Tom Moore	Actuarial—spring/fall renewals

Susan Herring  
Bob Shirrell

Local Utilization Analysis  
Four Qualitative Studies  
Restoring Service Cuts

Room 3

Speakers  
Gil Ojeda  
Ellen Shaffer  
Bob Schultz

Topics  
Humane Cost Containment Methods

11-12 PM Review

12-1 PM Lunch

1-2:30 PM In Stakeholder Groups, including Academic Track

*(2:30-3 PM Compare notes with colleagues who participated in other groups)*

3-4:30 PM In Cross-Stakeholder Groups

4:30-5 PM Wrap Up