

**Question/Answer Session Health Care Workforce Stakeholders Meeting
June 23, 2011**

1. Name: Michael Murphy
Organization: Harding University Physician Assistant Program
Question: Are physician assistant's represented on the Workforce Taskforce?
Response: Yes, Susan Hanrahan is the Director of Allied Health Programs at ASU – Jonesboro and Ed Franklin is the Director of the Association of Two Year Colleges. Inter-professional education will be a critical component of the Taskforce Plan.
2. Name: Alison DeLong
Organization: Director: Arkansas Rural Nursing Educational Consortium
Question: Who will be representing the rural area interests on the taskforce?
How will they link to information other than just through data?
Response: Per Dr. Rahn: Ann Bynum, Director of the Center for Rural Health is on the Taskforce
Representatives from the dental, nursing, medical and pharmacy organizations
Acknowledgment that there is a huge and substantial need in the rural areas.
3. Name: Kathie Gately
Organization: State Long Term Care Ombudsman for Statewide Programs
Question: Are you looking at the increased need for curriculums and recruitment in geriatric care?
Response: Per Dr. Halverson: Yes with great interest. The demands are increasing so this is something that is very important and will be more critical when the incentive system changes to payment on the basis of health status.
Per Dr. Rahn: We will need health coaches and health navigators in the future. Right now their role in the current system does not them to provide billable care
4. Name: Garry Teeter
Organization: Arkansas Mental Health Counselors Association
Question: What representation does mental health have on the Taskforce?
What direction is being taken?
Response: Per Dr. Rahn: Behavioral Health is high on the agenda and we will be looking at it in the next month. It is on our radar and on the Medicaid System radar.
This is a rare opportunity to redesign the health home. Everything is on the table for examination and rethinking. When a system is based on outcomes, it won't be who can bill but what is the scope of competency.
5. Name: Dr. Ann Thomas

Organization: Executive Director of the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy

Comment: Arkansas has gone from zero clinical counselors in 1979 to over 1,500 at the present time. There is a desperate need for more. The medical model needs to be the whole health model and the team should include the mental health clinical counselors.

Response: Per Dr. Halverson: This is a broad model and is about the development of the Health Home. We must get ahead of the cost curve. We can't meet the demands till we can focus on the health of the patients. There will be room at the table for everyone.

6. Name: Dr. Tom Taylor

Organization: Vice President of Administrative Services of the Arkansas Chiropractic Council

Accompanied: Dr. Chris Cathey – President of the Arkansas Society

Dr. Steve Matthews – President of the Board of the Arkansas Chiropractic Association

Comment: Studies show that chiropractic care actually saves the system money in the long run but less than 1% of the Medicaid budget is for chiropractic services. Direct access chiropractic care will decrease Medicaid costs.