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Meeting Summary

November 25, 2009 7:30 A.M. in Room 1C

Members Present: Margaret Flinter, Tom Swan, Dr. Robert McLean, JoAnn Eacarino and Evelyn Barnum

Margaret Flinter moved for approval of the October minutes.

Dr. Robert McLean seconded. The minutes were approved.

Margaret reviewed the charge to the group of producing the final interim report. She reminded members of the sections that had agreed to focus on. Dr. McLean asked if Dr. Anderson was going to submit recommendation on looking at payment reform issues, and suggested that he reference several excellent resources and policy papers already out on that topic.

Margaret noted that Dr. Carbonari has made recommendations regarding pediatric measures of primary care quality and access; we will need to do the same for adults.

Margaret Flinter asked JoAnn to think about measures related to access, satisfaction, and other outcomes, and to focus on the issues of school based health center expansion need and reporting requirements.

She distributed and reviewed copies of the UDS (Uniform Data Set) that the FQHCs complete and submit across the country as an example of standardized reporting that allows you to look at trends over time.

Dr. McLean asked if the medical home advisory committee and all the other advisory committees to Sustinet had been finalized in terms of membership yet. Margaret said she believed they were not yet finalized.

Tom Swan provided an update on the status of efforts toward passing a national health reform bill and the work going on in Washington, DC.

Tom Swan said that the Senate voted to proceed on Saturday by the narrowest of margins. Senator Reid's office remains optimistic that they will be able to vote on the 18th or 19th and do some type of conference with the House and once again, both chambers vote on the final bill prior to the President's State of the Union Address. There is a renewed push to use reconciliation again for a stronger public option and a stronger bill. He expressed an option that for people who have pushed for single-payer option at the state level, it will just become more enticing for single-payer options to be pushed in all 50 states and added that there are components of each of the bills that are really better than he ever thought they would be. At the request of the members, he also provided a review and explanation of the reconciliation process.

Dr. Robert McLean commented that the ACP has supported universal access for year, and now even the AMA is supporting this bill.

The members present then reviewed a proposed outline of the draft interim report and provided comment on additional areas that need to be addressed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.