

2012 Current Fiscal Year Report: Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan CO-OP Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2012

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan
CO-OP Advisory Board

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

73637

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/18/2010 06/18/2012

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

PL 111-148, Section
1322, Paragraph 3, F

8c. Actual Term Date

01/31/2012

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

PL 111-148, Section
1322

13. Effective Date

06/23/2010

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this FiscalYear

17a. Open

0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

On June 23, 2010, the Comptroller General announced the appointment of a 15 member CO-OP Program Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services (“the Department” or “the Secretary”) on awarding loans and grants. The Board as a whole convened three times in 2011 (January 13, February 7, and March 14) to listen to expert panels and members of the public on how best to assure that sustainable CO-OPs are established. The Chair divided the Board into four

workgroups to address specific issues in greater detail and formulate proposed recommendations on the following topics: governance, finance, infrastructure, and process, criteria and compliance. The workgroups presented preliminary recommendations for discussion at the February 7 meeting, and the Board incorporated these recommendations in its proposed draft report presented at the March 14 meeting. At the March 14 meeting, the Board also received comments from the public on its draft report and adopted in substance final recommendations. The Board also considered public comments submitted in response to the CO-OP Request for Comment that was issued in the Federal Register on February 2, 2011. It convened for the last time on April 15 to vote on the final report reflecting the substantive recommendations adopted on March 14. What emerged from these discussions is the conviction that fostering the creation of CO-OPs should provide the operational framework for the program. This means that the Department should develop flexible criteria that recognize the diversity of market conditions around the country and enable various models of CO-OPs created and supported by different types of 5 sponsors to develop. It also means that the availability of technical assistance at all stages of the process from loan application to licensure to operation, will be important to the viability of individual CO-OPs and the success of the program.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Comptroller General (GAO) selected the members. The selection was based on the statute, which requires them to appoint 15 members from among individuals with qualifications described in section 1805(c)(2) of the Social Security Act--that

is, the qualifications for MedPAC. In addition, the statute requires that appointees shall meet ethics and conflict of interest standards protecting against insurance industry involvement and interference. They were selected from [among] outstanding authorities in the fields of health finance and economics; actuarial science; health facility management and reimbursement; and integrated delivery systems. In addition, they were selected from physicians and other health professionals; employers; researchers in health insurance, health services and economics, and outcomes and effectiveness; experts in the area of pharmacoeconomics or prescription drug benefit programs; and representatives of consumers and the elderly.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Board did not operate in 2012.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is necessary by statute.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All four meetings were open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Board was terminated on January 31, 2012 and did not operate at all in 2012. The FACA operated with unusual speed and intensity and provided recommendations within 4 months of first convening.

Designated Federal Officer

Anne Bollinger DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Brosseau, James	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	professor	Representative Member
Buchanan, Herbert	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	COO	Representative Member
Buck, David	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	physician/professor	Representative Member
Carlyle, David	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	physician	Representative Member
Christianson, Jon	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	University of Minnesota	Representative Member
Curtis, Rick	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	President of the Institute for Health Policy Solutions	Representative Member
Feezor, Allen	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	Representative Member
Gardiner, Terry	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	Policy Director - small business	Representative Member
Haugen, Patricia	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	Coordinator for National Breast Cancer Coalition	Representative Member
Novak, Donna	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	Nova Rest Consultin	Representative Member
Oemichen, William	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	President and CEO - Cooperative Network	Representative Member
Pramenko, Michael	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	physician	Representative Member
Size, Tim	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	Executive Director - Rural WI Health Cooperative	Representative Member
Stanley, Margaret	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	retired	Representative Member
Yondorf, Barbara	06/23/2010	01/31/2012	President - Yondorf and Associates	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

The committee will foster the creation of qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers to offer qualified health plans in the individual and small group markets.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Advisory Board endorsed four major principles for awarding loans and grants that inform all of the recommendations: (1) consumer operation, control, and focus must be the salient feature of the CO-OP and must be sustained over time; (2) solvency and the financial stability of coverage need to be maintained and promoted; (3) CO-OPs should encourage greater care coordination, quality and efficiency to the extent feasible in local provider and plan markets; and (4) first loans should be rolled out as expeditiously as possible (by the end of 2011) if the CO-OPs are to compete in the Health Benefit Exchanges in the critical first open enrollment period (2014).

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

42

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Advisory Board submitted 42 recommendations endorsing the four major principles above.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not applicable.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

http://cciio.cms.gov/resources/co_op/index.html#coop