

Health Reform: What's Next? How Pennsylvania is Preparing for Reform

JSPH Summer Seminar

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Jefferson School of Population Health held its annual Summer Seminar entitled *Health Reform: What's Next? How Pennsylvania is Preparing for Reform*. After an introduction from Dean Dr. David B. Nash, the first guest, William Copeland, Jr., a Health Reform Practice Leader at Deloitte LLP, gave an overview examination of the impact of health reform.

Copeland emphasized that health reform is now a reality and that the “status quo for health care delivery and financing in the United States is clearly over...” He delved into whether or not this was going to be positive or negative for our current system and concluded that it is necessary as long as certain steps are taken such as engaging consumers in personal wellness and fostering healthy competition in the marketplace.

Dr. William Warning II, Program Director of a Family Medicine Residency Program and Clinical Assistant Professor at Temple University School of Medicine, spoke on the topic of the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH). He defined this as a “model for care provided by physician practices that seeks to strengthen the physician-patient relationship...with coordinated care and a long-term health relationship.” After expounding on various aspects of the medical home such as Electronic Medical Records (EMRs), he stressed how PCMH is integral to health care reform.

Dr. George Valko, Gustave and Valla Amsterdam Professor from the Department of Family and Community Medicine and Vice-Chair for Clinical Programs at Jefferson Medical College, highlighted



L to R: Louisa Baxter, MB, ChB; Anthony Gold; Kenneth Goldblum, MD; George Valko, MD; William Warning II, MD.

features of the Southeastern PA Chronic Care Initiative demonstration project which includes a cohort of practices that are incorporating many of the PCMH principles.

Two other key elements of healthcare reform are payment reform and using technology in ways that benefit our practices. Dr. Kenneth Goldblum, CMO of Renaissance Medical Management Company, provided key points about the Quality Incentive Payment System while Anthony Gold, CEO of Healthy Humans, offered explanations of the various technology elements that exist and could be utilized to a greater extent.

After a panel discussion with the guest speakers, the seminar was concluded with a presentation by

Dr. Louisa Baxter, Commonwealth Fund Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice. She summarized what she has learned during the course of a year as a fellow about the US Health System from an international perspective. ■

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