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NCOIL SUMMER MEETING JULY 13—15, 2017 InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile Chicago, IL

Rep. Steve Riggs, KY NCOIL President

# LA GOV JOHN BEL EDWARDS DELIVERS NCOIL SPRING KEYNOTE ADDRESS



From left: Sen. Jason Rapert, AR; Rep. Steve Riggs, KY; Gov. John Bel Edwards, LA; Rep. Matt Lehman, IN; Sen. Travis Holdman, IN

Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards delivered the keynote address at the 2017 Spring Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Governor Edwards was introduced by NCOIL Executive Committee member LA Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish. He discussed Medicaid expansion in Louisiana and how it has increased coverage for many residents and saved money. He stated that Managed Care Works and there are five healthy Louisiana Managed

Care Organizations that are improving outcomes and saving money for residents of his state.

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Thomas B. Considine NCOIL CEO

# NCOIL ANNOUNCES AIR AMBULANCE TASK FORCE

Rep. Steve Riggs, NCOIL President, announced the formation of an NCOIL Air Ambulance Task Force that will examine how best to protect consumers from excessive and often out-of-network billing as well as how it can be regulated on a state level.

"After discussing this issue and the numerous challenges facing air ambulances at multiple NCOIL meetings, including a general session last year, we have decided to form a task force to address the possible solutions" said KY Rep. Steve Riggs, NCOIL President.

The Air Ambulance Task Force will be chaired by KY Rep. Jeff Greer, with Rep. Bill

Botzow (VT), Asm. Kevin Cahill (NY), Rep. Greg Cromer (LA), Sen. Bob Hackett (OH), and Rep. George Keiser (ND) serving as members.

"This has been an issue that has challenged state legislatures for years" said KY Rep. Jeff Greer, Task Force Chairman. "Working with the interested parties and consumers, hopefully we can bring some fresh ideas and a positive resolution."

The Task Force will hold its first meeting as an interim conference call between the Spring and Summer meetings and will meet in Chicago at the NCOIL Summer Meeting.

Sen. Jason Rapert, AR Vice President



Rep. Bill Botzow, VT Secretary



Rep. Matt Lehman, IN Treasurer



Sen. Travis Holdman, IN Immediate Past President

# NCOIL CONCLUDES A SUCCESSFUL SPRING MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS, LA

NCOIL concluded a successful Spring Meeting in New Orleans, LA where all the substantive policy committees met to discuss a wide range of issues from the future of the Affordable Care Act, to the Prospects of Financial Regulatory Restructuring and Legislative Reform in the Trump Administration and the 115th Congress, to a presentation about Automatic Incorporation of Private Regulatory Work Product into state law and a regulator dialogue about the subject, to discussion about data security and cybersecurity to a presentation about workers compensation insurance premium fraud, to an update on the Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule, to consideration of amendments to Limited Lines Travel Insurance Model to discussion of the recently enacted Covered Agreement.

"We are committed to making NCOIL the primary voice on model insurance law because we know what works and what doesn't" said KY Rep. Steve Riggs, NCOIL President. "That means discussing emerging issues, ensuring legislators have the ability to participate with the organization and that we educate lawmakers about insurance solutions in the states. Our model laws have been successfully utilized by most states."

There were more than 230 attendees, 8 Insurance Departments represented, 43 legislators including 10 first time legislator attendees.

Rutgers Professor and Associate Director of the Center of the Center for State Constitutional Studies, Robert F. Williams spoke at the all-attendee welcome breakfast about the Automatic Incorporation of Private Regulatory Work Product Into State Law and the unintended consequences it could have in altering substantial policy work without the knowledge or consent of state legislatures. Much of the issue, according to Williams, is that IBR has never been tested in a court case. *Continued on Page 3* 



# 2017 NEW ORLEANS SPRING MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE

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## NCOIL DISCUSSES ACA REFORM EFFORTS IN NEW ORLEANS

The NCOIL Health, Long Term Care, and Health Retirement Issues Committee had an informative discussion on ACA reform efforts during the Spring Meeting in New Orleans. Claire McAndrew, Director of Campaign Strategy at Families USA, Chris Condeluci, CC Law & Policy PLLC, James Donelon, Louisiana Insurance Commissioner, and Mike Chaney, Mississippi Insurance Commissioner, formed a great panel that provided the committee with the latest news surrounding ACA reform efforts, and a forecast on what to expect in the future.

Although the committee met prior to the formal introduction of the American Health Care Act (AHCA), the panel was nonethe-

less able to educate and inform the committee due to a similar piece of legislation being released earlier that week. McAndrew cautioned the committee about some of the bill's provisions such as taxcredits based on age rather than income, the removal of financing mechanisms such as the employer and individual mandate penalties, and Medicaid block grants. Chris Condeluci reminded the committee that budget reconciliation legislation can only repeal ACA provisions that impact taxes or spending, and noted that "State Innovation Grants" could be a great opportunity for State legislators to help stabilize their respective healthcare markets. Commissioner

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"Consistent with the charge from the officers when they brought me on, we are growing the number of total participants, the number of legislative participants and the number of insurance departments represented" said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. "We are expanding the issues we discuss and making decisions in a much more timely fashion than had happened previously. All of this generates added press for the NCOIL."

# HOLDMAN ELECTED CHAIR; KITO ELECTED VICE-CHAIR OF IIPRC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Sen. Travis Holdman (IN), NCOIL Immediate Past President was elected Chair of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission (IIPRC) Legislative Committee. Rep. Sam Kito (AK), NCOIL Financial Services & Investment Products Committee Vice Chair was elected Vice-Chair.

The Compact enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of the way insurance products are filed, reviewed, and approved allowing consumers to have faster access to competitive insurance products in an ever-changing global marketplace. The Compact promotes uniformity through application of uniform

product standards embedded with strong consumer protections.

The IIPRC serves as a central point of electronic filing for certain insurance products, including life insurance, annuities, disability income, and long-term care insurance to develop uniform product standards, affording a high level of protection to purchasers of asset protection insurance products.

Since meeting its operational threshold in May 2006, the IIPRC now has 45 Member States representing over 70% of the premium volume nationwide.

# ACA reform efforts ....Cont'd from Page 2.

Chaney stated that he does not foresee a lot of changes to EHB's and questioned the functionality of high-risk pools, while Commissioner Donelon voiced concern about future proposals permitting the sale of health insurance across States lines.

NCOIL is analyzing the AHCA with a focus on ensuring that consumers can obtain afforda-

ble coverage and quality care, and that States can respond to the specific needs of their respective markets. Additionally, for an interesting comparison of premium tax credits under the ACA and AHCA, please view the interactive map from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

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# **CIP Member Planning Meeting**

June 8—9, 2017

Hyatt Regency, Jersey City NJ

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