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Health Care Reform Expert Branches Out

Scott McKibbin marks first anniversary as independent health care consultant

News Facts

- Even with recent reforms, health care in America still needs help.
- Residents of the United States spend more money annually for health care than residents of any other country in the world. Yet their overall health outcomes are not consistent with that spending.
- Americans have shorter life expectancies, higher infant mortality rates, and higher child mortality rates than a number of developed countries.
- The husband-and-wife team of the McKibbin Group helps others navigate through the red tape of the health care system.
- Scott D. McKibbin, principal, has more than 20 years of experience consulting to large public entities, employers and foundations on a variety of health care and public policy issues.

10.04.2010– NAPERVILLE, IL -- One year ago, Scott McKibbin left his post as Illinois' Special Advocate for Prescription Drugs and launched a new business where he could help everyday patients beyond the limits of state government.

Scott and his wife, Barb, created the McKibbin Group, Inc., a health care consulting firm providing expertise on public policy initiatives, global best practices, procurement support and employee health benefits. As principal, Scott is using his intergovernmental experience to help others navigate through red tape at the state, federal and international levels.

Today, the McKibbin Group helps health care trade associations develop legislative agendas, provides procurement support for public contractors, and imports global best practices while exporting ideas that work in the United States. At the same time, the McKibbin Group gives back by coordinating prescription drug donations for relief programs benefiting the poor.

Even with recent reforms, health care in America still needs help.

Some 47 million Americans have no health insurance. According to the World Health Organization, residents of the United States spend more money annually for health care than residents of any other country in the world. Yet their overall health outcomes are not consistent with that spending. Americans have shorter life expectancies, higher infant mortality rates, and higher child mortality rates than a number of developed countries, including Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

“It’s not the money that makes the difference,” Scott says. “It’s doing the right thing.”

Who is the McKibbin Group?

Scott D. McKibbin, principal, has more than 20 years of experience consulting to large public entities, employers and foundations on a variety of health care and public policy issues.

As the Special Advocate for Prescription Drugs for the state of Illinois, Scott was responsible for overseeing the state’s \$1.8 billion annual prescription drug spending. He was responsible for state programs including Illinois Cares Rx, a Medicare Part D wraparound program. He also was responsible for state Medicaid, Illinois Rx Buying Club, state employee/retiree programs and prescription drugs dispensed at mental health facilities and correctional facilities.

In September 2003, Illinois Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich commissioned a study on the feasibility of Canadian importation of prescription drugs for state employees and retirees. Scott and a colleague led a multi-agency team to Canada to research the subject, and they completed a report on the topic in October 2003.

In August 2004, Scott and a colleague completed a similar report on European personal and parallel importation of drugs, which was used as the basis of the I-SaveRx prescription drug personal importation program launched in October 2004. Scott later co-authored a report recommending the expansion of the I-SaveRx program into Australia and New Zealand.

The I-SaveRx program was the first in the United States to allow Illinois’ uninsured population access to safe and affordable prescription drugs from Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. Residents of Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas and Vermont have been added to the program eligibility.

Scott has testified at various congressional and state committee hearings throughout the country and before the Food and Drug Administration Prescription Drug Reimportation Committee.

Scott has been resourced and quoted in major news outlets including the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Crain’s Chicago Business, New York Times, Washington Post, Voice of America, National Public Radio, U.S. News and World Report and Business Insurance.

Barb McKibbin, president, has 10 years of experience in business management, most recently as a portfolio manager for a property management company. Prior to that, she was an office manager for an eye specialist.

Barb is a Certified Manager of Community Associations. She has managed multiple clients with \$1 million annual budgets and has been the project manager for additions to a 300-unit townhome complex. She specializes in customer service, contractor relations, contract negotiation, and community association laws and rules enforcement.



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About

The McKibbin Group Inc.

The McKibbin Group, Inc. is a consulting firm working to fix the United States' broken health care system. The group provides expertise on public policy initiatives, global best practices, procurement support, and employee health benefits. It is a woman-owned business enterprise based in Naperville, Illinois. The McKibbin Group: Creating a better path to health care.