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**Subject:** FW: SCDHHS Talking Points for ACA - Medicaid Expansion

**Attachments:** [ACA Medicaid Expansion January 2013.pdf](#)

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[NEJM Healthcare Jobs Fallacy.pdf](#)

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FYI. We got asked by both House and Senate members for some info on Medicaid expansion, and the recent SC Hospital Assoc. study on jobs created by Medicaid expansion. We got asked to send legislators info for their press day with the SC Press Assoc. tomorrow, as well as the House GOP legislative agenda press conference.

This is what we sent.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bryan Kost

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2013 7:57 PM

**To:** 'Murrell Smith'

**Cc:** Bruce Bannister

**Subject:** SCDHHS Talking Points for ACA - Medicaid Expansion

Good evening:

I'm sending three attachments:

1- ACA and Medicaid Expansion Talking Points for tomorrow

2- More charts/graphs to dig deeper, if needed - information referenced in attachment #1

3- "The Health Care Jobs Fallacy" article from the New England Journal of Medicine - a key article we've been touting recently

The first attachment is the talking points related to Medicaid expansion, and other issues. I think we cover most of the major topics that face the state, and we offered responses to the recent SCHA study too.

The second attachment includes charts and graphs that are referenced in the first attachment. These items in the second attachment will allow you to dig deeper into some of the issues from the first attachment. (You'll see in the first attachment where we reference items that are available in the second attachment.) This way you can just work off the first attachment for tomorrow, but you've got

all the information in the second attachment for follow-up, or further study later, if needed.

The third attachment is an important story from the New England Journal of Medicine, capturing much of our thinking about why creating health care jobs may not be the ideal goal of health reform.

If you need us tonight or tomorrow, we're around. Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Murrell Smith [mailto:murrell@leeandmoise.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 10:56 AM  
To: Bryan Kost  
Cc: Bruce Bannister  
Subject: Re: Talking Points for ACA

I talked to Bruce Bannister. Make sure we have talking points to contradict Harry Ott. He said there was an article in the paper about his positions. Especially where he says they are concentrating on making people healthier. We need to articulate how providing coverage doesn't make people healthier and our plan on concentrating on hotspots. Please copy Bruce in your taking points so he can be prepared. He is the new majority leader. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 2, 2013, at 10:21 AM, Bryan Kost <kostbr@scdhhs.gov> wrote:

> Got it.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Murrell Smith [mailto:murrell@leeandmoise.com]  
> Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 10:18 AM  
> To: Bryan Kost  
> Subject: Re: Talking Points for ACA

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> Today. We have a press association meeting tomorrow and unveiling caucus agenda with that being an agenda item. They need me to speak on it tomorrow at the press conf.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Jan 2, 2013, at 10:14 AM, Bryan Kost <kostbr@scdhhs.gov> wrote:

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>> Hi Sir,

>> I was just working on an updated version. How soon? This week?

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Murrell Smith [mailto:murrell@leeandmoise.com]

>> Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 10:09 AM

>> To: Bryan Kost

>> Subject: Talking Points for ACA

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>> Please provide me any updated talking points against ACA & refuting the study done by the hospital association. I also need to know those childless adults that we will not cover under expansion, what subsidies they would be eligible for with the exchanges. Thanks

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