



OFFICE OF PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

Minutes –Task Force

The Task Force met on Monday, April 28, 2014. Elena Nicolella convened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. and delivered opening remarks. Next she introduced Secretary Costantino who spoke to the members.

He told them of his vision for the Task Force as well as E.O.H.H.S. He described the department as a hybrid system; i.e. four departments under the umbrella of a central agency. He described this hybrid system as the norm being used by a majority of states. He saw the waiver as more of a policy statement that must adapt and move forward in a new capacity. It needs to be more integrative and willing to try new ideas.

He went on to speak of the crossing of barriers between agencies and providers and other groups as lacking and saw the creation of the Offices of Policy & Innovation, Program Integrity and Partner Engagement as a positive step towards crossing these barriers and providing better communication and provider contact as well as improving the level of quality while combating waste fraud and abuse. He felt that the Task Force should be more data driven and broaden its focus on issues not dominated by Medicaid.

He mentioned the possibility of including the department directors at future Task Force meetings.

Senator Izzo spoke of the need for a stronger political will to accomplish some of the recommendations put forward by various groups.

Closing remarks by Elena mentioned a feedback sheet, to be distributed to the members by Partner Engagement, as well as the Secretary's comment that Task Force members include their top two priorities for the Task Force moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.