

1115 WAIVER TASK FORCE MEETING
June 23, 2014
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Sharon Terzian, Tina Pearl, Maria Petrillo, Holly Garvey, Jennifer Reid, Joan Kwiatowski, Hunter Warwick, Josie Wong, Jim Nyberg, Deborah Garneau, Jackie Dowdy, Tara Townsend, Donna Lonschein, Anne Mulready, Denise Achin, Lisa Conlan, Deb Florio, Tom Martin, Rhonda Schwartz, Nicholas Oliver, Thomas Marcello, Lisa Corrente Hetland, Vivian Weisman, Anne Quintero, Virginia Burke, Michelle LaFrance, Dan Meuse, Michelle Brophy, Janet Iovino, Claire Rosenbaum, Kathy McKeon, Lee Baker, Mike Souza, Anthony Salvo, Steven Patriarca, John Mansolillo, Ann Martino, Sen. Tom Izzo

Senator Izzo, Community Chair, opened the meeting by acknowledging Deb Garneau of the Department of Health. Deb provided the task force with a brief update on the maternal and child health block grant application. DOH is in the final stages of the application process and will be submitting an application in time for the July 15th deadline. There will be a need assessment done next year to determine the level of need for this population. Several public forums will be held to solicit input from the community.

Michelle Brophy, BHDDH and **Lee Baker, DCYF**, provided an update on the 18-21 year old transition program. The Secretary has appointed three representatives (Elena Nicolella, Kevin Aucoin, Becky Boss) to start working on a plan on how to address this topic. A presentation will be provided at the July task force meeting that outlines the current progress of the group and how the task force can be involved in decision making.

Deb Florio, EOHHS, provided the task force with an update on Medicaid enrollment. (See presentation) There have been about 47,000 individuals enrolled in Medicaid because of the expansion. Medicaid renewals, which were originally delayed 1 year, will begin in July. Individuals will be receiving detailed letters in the mail notifying them of how they can renew their Medicaid. Populations who do not have to renew at this time are anyone in the 19-64 expansion group, those who eligible because of a disability and dual eligible on LTC.

Ann Martino, EOHHS, gave the task force an update on the 1115 waiver. (See attached) There are two areas where the state is not likely to appeal decisions made by CMS; coverage for people incarcerated awaiting adjudication and the institutional mental disease rule. Ms. Martino also noted that we are still open to everything included in the waiver. CMS has told us to come back on some issues, the question remains whether or not the state can afford them.

Dan Meuse, Lt. Governor's Office, presented the task force with an update on the State Innovation Model (SIM). The grant is designed to have states transformation their healthcare system in a broad manner. The SIM must effect 80% of payments and 80% of

the population. The goal is to take resources that we have to find health needs of our community. We'll be identifying clusters of topics in a public process. There will be a focus on health outcomes along with tools for providers to coordinate.

Question – Sen. Izzo – Where will this grant be implemented? Lt Gov.'s Office?

Answer – Dan Meuse - The grant will be implemented from the Secretary's office along with OHIC, DOH, BHDDH and the Governor's office.

The July 2014 task force meeting will be held on Monday July 28, 2014.