

1115 WAIVER TASK FORCE MEETING  
*July 28, 2014*  
MEETING MINUTES

**Attendance:** Tom Martin, Rhonda Schwartz, Marie Stoeckel, Nicholas Oliver, Kathy McKeon, Ann Quinterno, Bruce McIntyre, Michelle Amado, Teresa Mota, Colleen Polselli, Michelle Szyllin, Holly Garvey, Michael Cancelliere, Tom Marcello, Kim Merolla Brito, Joanne Savoie, Rory Carmody, Michelle Brophy, Jessica Mowry, Tara Townsend, Diana Beaton, Randi Belhumeur, Linda Katz, Anne Mulready, Jim Nyberg, Josie Wong, Sharon Terzian, Mark Adelman, Sandra Fournier, Jim Beasley, Amanda Clarke, Mary Slinko, Denise Achin, Patty Harwood, Anthony Salvo, John Mansolillo, Steven Patriarca, Jacqueline Kelley, Sen. Tom Izzo, Elena Nicolella

**Elena Nicollela, EOHHS**, introduced Jacqueline Kelley, the Director of the Office of Partner Engagement, to the task force. Jacqui will be assisting with the development and operation of future task force meetings. Ms. Kelley also provided the task force with a draft organizational chart (see attachment).

Question – Sen. Izzo – Does EOHHS review each Department’s budget and finances?

Answer – Jacqueline Kelley – Each Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the four departments is actually an EOHHS employee. The CFOs all report to Alda Rego, EOHHS Budget Director, and coordinate with EOHHS.

Question – Linda Katz – Where do the hearing officers fit in the organizational chart?

Answer – Jacqueline Kelley – All hearing officers are EOHHS employees. They are more likely to be specific to individual agencies.

**Bruce McIntyre, Director, Office of Program Integrity**, gave the task force a presentation on the Office of Program Integrity (OPI). The OPI was statutorily created at the request of the Governor. The main goal of OPI is to prevent and detect fraudulent practices in the Medicaid program. The office has the power to suspend providers for good health reasons. Mr. McIntyre noted the importance for providers to self-report to CMS and the Office of the Inspector General if they feel as though they have committed an error. Providers should also keep clear records of their Medicaid bills so they may reference them if ever questioned. In 2013, OPI suspended 6 providers. OPI will also conduct field audits with providers and their CFOs to see if anything needs to be addressed.

Kathy McKeon addressed the task force with her concern that EOHHS does not have a plan for those who require assistance but do not fall under Medicaid. Ms. McKeon noted there should be a plan for the aging citizens of Rhode Island regardless of Medicaid eligibility.

The August 2014 task force meeting will be held on Monday August 25, 2014.