

EOHHS TASK FORCE MEETING
October 27, 2014
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Cecelia Pelkey, Deborah Garneau, Judy Davis, Randi Belhummeur, Larry Grimaldi, Michelle Brophy, Brenda Amodei, Michelle Amado, Amanda Clarke, Jim Nyberg, Mark Adelman, Kathleen Kelly, Holly Garvey, Jim Beasley, Virginia Burke, Tina Spears, Maureen Maigret, Thomas Martin, Janet Iovino, Michael Cancilliere, Sharon Terzian

Deborah Garneau, Department of Health, provided the Task Force with a brief overview of the Transitions Council. The legislatively mandated group meets once a month from September to May. The council is staffed and administered by the Dept. of Education. The council has jurisdiction over secondary transition issues for those individuals between the ages of 14-21. As an advisory body, the council reports to the Rhode Island Dept. of Education.

Matthew Harvey, EOHHS, gave a status update on the Medicaid renewal process. Roughly 20,000 people/month have received notices and instructions on how to renew their Medicaid coverage. In the future, there will be a passive enrollment process for enrollees. Individuals will not have to do anything if their household income, size etc do not change. There will be a summary of this process and details in the Medicaid Expenditure Report on the EOHHS website.

Ann Martino, EOHHS, briefed the Task Force on the State Innovations Model (SIM) Grant. The SIM grant is a test model grant for states that provide a plan to increase the overall health of their population. The state will be establishing a center for innovation and excellence to achieve better outcomes in public health. Rhode Island's award dollars should be announced in the coming weeks.