

HealthHub RI Project Workplan

Project Objectives

HealthHub RI is intended to provide a variety of short and longer-term objectives:

1. Organize the market for health insurance, to increase transparency, simplification and standardization
2. Support consumers in the ongoing transition to individual purchasing
3. Set the framework and policy decisions to define affordable, creditable coverage: Assess the benefit mix, cost, affordability and minimum coverages will be recognized in the Rhode Island statutory environment.
4. Location for Subsidies

Options:

Key Issues to be Addressed by this Project

Target Population	Individuals only I + Sm Employers? What size? Mixed model or individual based?
Mandates	Individual Mandate? Employer Mandate? Both?
Interface with existing market	Alongside or Replace? Broker Role?
Business Model	Independent Connector Subsidiary of Mass Connector Build on existing carriers/regulatory model
Regulatory requirements	Existing or new products? Standard products? Would current rating rules/oversight processes work?

Workplan

<p>Task 1: Background and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesize existing Rhode Island specific assessments that have been done: merger study, reinsurance study, high risk pool study • Assess MA model, other state exchanges • Reconsider problem statement, hub objectives – what problems are we trying to solve? What are prioritized list of objectives? 	<p>Kickoff: October 14th</p> <p>7:30-9am stakeholder forum 9-12 working group session</p>
<p>Task 2: Define Options, Preliminary Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop options and preliminary recommendations re: each key issue • Additional expert/stakeholder interviews to inform options 	<p>Discussion of Options: Dec 19th</p> <p>7:30-9am stakeholder forum 9-12 working group session</p>
<p>Task 3: Refine Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct follow up research, analysis, expert interviews 	<p>Refine Recommendations: Jan 23rd</p> <p>7:30-9am stakeholder forum 9-12 working group session</p>
<p>Task 4: Final Report and SCI Issue Brief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final recommendations and report 	<p>Draft/present final report to Legislative Task Force Draft SCI issue brief</p>

Project Structure

Project “Owner” = Jennifer Wood

Working Group: Chair = Jennifer Wood

- Client Team: Jennifer Wood, Matt Auten, Chris Koller, Lt. Gov Roberts (when available)
- Other: Marie Ganim/designee, Kevin Lovett
- Consultants: Deb Faulkner, Amy Lischko, Deborah Chollet (Mathematica)

Content Lead: Deb Faulkner

- Developing background materials
- Plan/execute agenda for working group, stakeholder meetings
- Proposing strategies/options
- Leading research/analysis
- Writing presentations/reports
- Managing funder/SCI

Public Affairs Lead: Matt Auten

- Stakeholder management: Invite participants, maintain relnship/participation
- External communication
- Informing legislature, MA task force
- Meeting logistics

Stakeholder Group: Chair = Lt. Gov Roberts

- Broadly representative group of employers, brokers, insurers, gov/state, legislators, consumers, advocates (SBAC + key additions)
- Participate in three key working sessions to assist with the following:
 - Meeting 1: Define the goals
 - Meeting 2: Identify options
 - Meeting 3: Review/refine recommendations

MA Task Force: Chairs = Lt. Gov Roberts + House Designee + Senate Designee

- Request hearing for final project recommendations
- Kept informed/invited to three key meetings

Project Schedule

Week of	Date	Key Meetings
Sep 22	Fri 9/26	Working Group Meeting (1.5 hours) Agree on workplan, meeting agendas
29		
Oct 6	Fri 10/10	Working Group Meeting (9-10:30am) Prep for Kickoff: Discuss project goals
13	Tues 10/14	Kickoff 7:30-9am Stakeholder Group: Project goals 9-12pm Working Group Meeting Lessons from Connector research, framework of options
20	Wed 10/22	Working Group Meeting (2-3:00pm) Refine options to consider, outline work to be done
27		
Nov 3	Mon 11/3	Working Group Meeting (3-4:30pm) Options update
10	TBD	Working Group Meeting: ½ day in boston @ MA Connector
17	Tues 11/18	Working Group Meeting (10-11:30am) Options Final
24		Thanksgiving
Dec 1	Mon 12/1	Working Group Meeting (2:30-4pm) prep for stakeholder meeting
8		
15	Fri 12/19	Options Meeting 7:30-9am Stakeholder Group 9-12pm Working Group Meeting Key considerations/how to choose
22/29		
Jan 5		
Jan 12	Mon 1/19	Working Group Meeting (10:30-12) prep for recommendations discussion
Jan 19	Fri 1/23	Review Draft Recommendations 7:30-9am Stakeholder Group 9-12pm Working Group Meeting
Jan 26		
Feb 2	TBD	Working Group Meeting (1 hour) Review/finalize recommendations to Task Force
Feb 9		
Feb 16		

All working group meetings held @ the State House, Room TBD (conference line available)
The First stakeholder meeting will be held at the RI Foundation, the next two stakeholder Group meetings will be held @ the EDC.