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Exchange Planning Grant:

Accomplishments and upcoming tasks described below represent the work of the interagency collaboration, including Medicaid, HEALTH, OHIC, and Lt Governor Roberts' office.

Planning Area	Accomplishments to Date	Upcoming Tasks
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed bids and recommended vendor to Dept Of Administration for planning consultant and for Project Director • Negotiate contracts with planning vendor and project director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning vendor will begin work in May
Regional Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with Massachusetts on Innovator Grant (\$35 million) • Working with New England states to identify areas for close coordination and collaboration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide which shareable technical components MA will build with Innovator grant funds • New England collaborative to pursue aligning actuarial value definitions throughout region
Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed legislation in the Senate with Sub A (SB0087) • Introduced in House, heard in committee, and held for further study (HB5498) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish legislative authority
IT planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interagency workgroup working with Public Consulting Group (PCG) on eligibility systems re-design and re-procurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will work with planning vendor to determine requirements for non-eligibility related IT
Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt Gov defined structure and process for healthcare reform workgroups and leadership councils • First Exchange workgroup mtg has been scheduled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish membership and workplan for ongoing stakeholder engagement in Exchange workgroup
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange planning grant = \$1 million • Applied for Level One Funds = \$5.2 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal decision on Level One application in mid May • Apply for Level Two funding in September 2011

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Rate Review Grant:

Area	Accomplishments to Date	Upcoming Tasks
NAIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided supplemental funds to upgrade rate filing technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take advantage of upgraded technology in future rate filings
Hospital Payment Study (compare payments for svcs across payers and hospitals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed methodology for study • Selected vendor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize contracting relationship and collaboration with Exec. Office of Health and Human Svcs. • Conduct analysis
Hospital Utilization Study (compare hospital discharge data for measures over time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected vendor to define measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize contract with vendor • Define common measures, conduct analysis, and complete report
Cost Driver analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected vendor (same as Exchange planning) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will conduct cost driver analysis in support of 2011 Rate Factor Review
Community organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined scope of work for community organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will work with planning vendor to select a community organization to complete work
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired Maria Casale, Special Project Coordinator • Hired Angela Sherwin, Principal Policy Associate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire Grants Manager • Plan for future staffing needs
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial grant = \$1 million 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for second round funding in August 2011 (approx. \$3.7 million for FY12-FY14)