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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**The Health Care Cabinet  
August 13, 2013**

Cabinet Attendees: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, Chair; Pat Baker, Vice Chair; Ellen Andrews; Anne Foley; Roderick Bremby; Kevin Counihan; Terry Edelstein; Bonita Grubbs; William Handelman; Steven Hanks; Timothy Lyons; Katharine Kranz Lewis; Patricia Rehmer; Margaret Smith; Linda St. Peter; Robert Tessier; Victoria Veltri  
Absent: Joette Katz; Kevin Lembo; Jeffrey Lucht; Terrence Macy; Eugene Market; Donna Moore; Jewel Mullen; John Oraziotti; Frances Padilla; Shelly Sweatt; Joanne Walsh

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1.	Call to Order & Introductions		
2.	Public Comment	No Public Comment.	
3.	Review & approval of 7/9/13 minutes	None.	Approved
4.	Health Insurance Exchange Update (AHCT)	Kevin Counihan addressed questions regarding Aetna's recent departure from the individual market of the health insurance exchange. He explained that though AHCT is disappointed in their decision, all relationships were left on positive terms and noted that the company has pulled out of a number of other state's exchanges. Aetna will not have an opportunity to rejoin the marketplace until 2 years after it	Updates will be provided continuously on <a href="http://www.accesshealthct.com">www.accesshealthct.com</a> .

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		<p>officially opens in 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Payer Claims Database (APCD) – Kevin Coughlin informed the Cabinet that AHCT has hired Tamim Ahmed as executive director to run the new division of AHCT known as Access Health Analytics. This division will be in charge of the collection and distribution of reports based on information that AHCT gathers from consumers and providers. This information will be made available to all stakeholders, with the prospect of developing a data warehouse for reporting. Kevin identified the reporting of racial and ethnic data as an element of the AHCT enrollment form, and is included on all forms. It is not yet a required field on these applications.</li> <li>• Navigator and Community Assister Program – Vicki Veltri informed the Cabinet that all background checks for Assisters have been completed and that only 8 were lost to this process. Phase one training has been completed through online modules, and Phase two In-Person training will be beginning shortly, within the week. The outreach program is also working on a Certified Application Counselor position. Vicki explained that new Navigator positions have been posted across the state, as every Navigator should be equipped with an Assister. The Navigator and Assister Newsletters are being published and could be distributed at a wider range if people are interested in keeping up with the program. She also noted that a finalized list</li> </ul>	

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		of Assisters will be provided for anyone who wants to schedule outreach events.	
5.	DSS Update on Integration of Medicaid with AHCT	<p>Commissioner Bremby introduced Kate McEvoy, Interim Director of the Division of Health Services and Support within the Department of Social Services. Kate provided an update regarding the new expanded income eligibility process and how it will work within the expansion of Medicaid into the AHCT Marketplace. In order to simplify and streamline eligibility determination, DSS and AHCT will begin using a Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI), effective January 1, 2014. MAGI will affect how eligibility for Medicaid is determined. Integrated eligibility between DSS and the Exchange will be a mutually developing process. DSS's Connect CT website will provide an "Am I Eligible" tool that allows people to enter some of their information and conclude what programs will serve them best. James Michel, Operations Manager at AHCT, gave an overall explanation of how access to this integration will work through four portals of access: Web, walk-in, telephone and paper. He explained the ways in which AHCT and DSS will be working together to close process gaps and improve accessibility to the resources and websites.</p>	
6.	SIM Consumer Engagement Presentation	<p>Vicki Veltri provided an update regarding feedback from stakeholders across the state through work groups. These groups expressed a number of different concerns that need to be met by the proposed Population Health Model. This model would include high levels of stakeholder engagement and evidence-informed decision making. Vicki introduced Dawn Johnson and Anne Levy who gave the cabinet a brief overview of how the stakeholder outreach groups were</p>	<p>Updated information on this model, including work group minutes will continue to be posted on the <a href="#">SIM</a> website.</p>

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		<p>providing useful feedback, but that there were still many groups that needed to provide their feedback. Vicki outlined the beginning plans for creation of a Metrics Taskforce that will work to develop measurements for a number of different performance- and quality-based elements of the healthcare reform. She is looking for people who are interested in participating in this taskforce, and expressed that choosing these people will have to be done through a transparent process. The Workforce Taskforce has also been working closely to integrate community health workers into the new Healthcare delivery system. A certified entity would be useful for keeping providers in different fields connected to one another and keeping them updated. Vicki added also that SIM has received a 2 month extension on its grant in order to gather more feedback.</p>	
7.	Next Steps	Next Cabinet Meeting will be September 10, 2013 at 9:00 am in LOB room 1D.	
8.	Adjournment		