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Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor • Joan Henneberry, Executive Director

Health Reform Implementation Board Meeting

October 12, 2010
 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 225 E. 16th Ave.
 Denver, CO 80203

ATTENDEES	Lorez Meinhold, Joan Henneberry, Guy Mellor, Lauren Plunkett, Jo Donlin, Joscelyn Gay, Craig Welling (phone)
RECORDER	Teresa Manocchio

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Joan Henneberry.

AGENDA ITEM	Accomplishments to Date
DISCUSSION	<p>The high risk pool, GettingUsCovered, has current enrollment of 188 people, with an additional 111 people effective on October 1, 2010. Thirty more applications have been received for November.</p> <p>The health reform implementation plan has been drafted, and will ultimately be between 40 and 60 pages with appendices. It will include personal stories, future efforts and boards, stakeholder engagement, a business timeline, needs for Colorado going forward, fact sheets, and a glossary. The feedback and edits from board members are due no later than October 25, 2010 in order to provide the new administration with the complete plan.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	Grant Updates
DISCUSSION	<p>The Governor's Office received the exchange planning grant on September 30, 2010.</p> <p>The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) partnered and received the personal responsibility education program grant. The Department of Education (DOE) moved ahead with the abstinence only grant.</p> <p>DHS did not pursue the domestic violence grant. They did receive the aging and disability resource centers grant, but there has been no response on Medicare improvements for patients or providers.</p> <p>Several grants – Medicare, the second ARDC grant, background checks for employees, and quit line funding – are still pending. The quit line funding is additional money, but only about \$33,000 per year for two years, so is unlikely to supplant other funds.</p>

	<p>It is uncertain whether the background checks for employees would apply to home care and home care placement agencies, but it will be looked into.</p> <p>The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) is working on the money follows the person grant, to plan for the larger implementation grant. HCPF expects to request \$30-40 million in the application due in January.</p> <p>The grant chart is being updated with each new announcement, and we are also working on a method to capture money that is or will come into the state through other avenues, for example, medical schools and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).</p>
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AGENDA ITEM	Health Insurance Exchange
DISCUSSION	<p>Every state who asked for an exchange planning grant was awarded money. In Colorado, the proposal came out of the Governor’s Policy Office, but the bulk of the money will be used to hire the consultants, actuaries, etc. There will be little activity until after the New Year.</p> <p>The public forums have gone very well, and an attempt will be made to hold a weekend forum to capture even more feedback. A forum in Alamosa yesterday did not raise any new issues, but highlighted the nuances of how the market plays out in rural communities.</p> <p>There is a draft of the stakeholder perspectives document on the web site, which covers the varied opinions, areas of consensus, areas where there was no consensus reached, and issues that were not discussed fully. It is waiting on feedback from business groups and the remaining forums, and it is scheduled to be completed in November.</p> <p>Lorez and Joan returned from the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) conference last week, which focused almost exclusively on health reform. There were several federal officials and a state-only session, and discussions included eligibility, benefits, and exchanges. States seemed most anxious about systems changes and the intersection between the exchange and Medicaid. There are varied, outdated systems from state to state and guidance is expected before the end of the year in order to make the decisions necessary to modify the systems.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	Public Comment
DISCUSSION	<p>Will the third party administrator of the exchange planning grant be subject to state procurement rules?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some of that will be determined by this board, some of it will be documented quote, but it will still be transparent. The third party will assist with fiscal continuity through an administration change. There is money in the planning grant for IT mapping, money for modeling and actuaries, money for a project director and some staffing, and money for DOI to assist in data runs. Without the federal guidance, the contractors won’t be hired to do the modeling right now, and the discussion about DOI’s role will happen soon. - <p>Is there any funding or grant opportunity for an eligibility overhaul?</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No word yet, but the changes to rules and eligibility by 2014 will mean that eligibility is the same across the board. It does not make sense to spend half state, half federal money to build 50 different systems, so it is more likely that there will be one system into which states will build individual portals. - There will always be certain populations that are determined separately, but there is consensus that the federal government help with this issue as well. - Companies who build one successful system in one state market it similarly to other states, but it is never so simple because of different rules across the board. <p>How would all of these activities be impacted if Amendment 63 passes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It does not change anything that is being done right now. State amendments do not override federal law.
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MEETING ADJOURNED	Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by Joan Henneberry.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	
NEXT MEETING	November 9, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 225 E. 16 th Ave. Denver, CO 80203 1 st Floor Conference Room