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TO: Commissioners, Commission on Affordable Health Care  
FROM: Bill Lindsay, Chair  
DATE: June 25, 2015  
SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR THE COMMISSION

As you know, the initial bill which constituted the Commission (SB 14-187) specified that a cash fund of \$400,000 would be appropriated for the FY 2014-2015 and the unused funds would be allowed to carry forward. Additionally, the original fiscal note indicated a second year of funding of \$400,000. It was anticipated that we would get a second year of funding, but it did not get appropriated.

CDPHE with support from the Office of State Planning and Budget (OSPB), of the Governor's office made an addition request for supplemental funding last week and the request was turned down on a 3-3 vote of the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) of the General Assembly. The JBC raised questions about whether this met the criteria for a supplemental request.

Our budget called for expenditures of \$123,242 in FY2014-2015 and thus approximately \$276,000 would carry forward into the new fiscal year as well as the additional allocation of \$25,000 related to HB 15-1083. There remains a deficit in order for us to fulfill our work.

We have submitted grants for additional funding. We will also evaluate if there are other mechanisms to approach the legislature and additional funders for additional resources needed.

The implications of this short fall are not clear at this point. This will be the major agenda topic for our July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that time we will have to consider the following:

- How to prioritize the work in SB 14-187, and what we can address in the next year so that these critical priorities can be addressed;
- Given the reality of our budget situation at this time, need to make some decisions about what work could be delayed (e.g., postponing statewide meetings until additional funding is made available); and
- The pace of the work and the time commitment would need to be more substantial in order to meet the deadline.

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If Commissioners have specific questions these can be addressed to me. Otherwise, please consider this situation and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss it.

Your dedication and continued efforts in support of our mission are recognized and appreciated.

CC: Non-voting Commissioners  
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