

Executive Committee Meeting
November 14, 2013
2:00pm, DOA, Conf Room C

1. Call to Order

Lt. Governor Roberts called the meeting to order.

2. Executive Committee Data and Analytics Work Group Update

Jennifer Wood from the Lt. Governor's Office gave a brief update on the Data and Analytics work group. The work group, chaired by both Thom Guertin and Jenn Wood, meets on a two-week cycle and issues reports and recommendations to the executive committee. Currently, the work group has diagnosed the data and analytics landscape of Rhode Island to be fragmented and in need of better analytic tools to better understand agencies within the system.

Director Licht asked how Rhode Island plans to raise the funds to pay for the system. Jenn noted that first, the state needs to assess the amount of money that it is already spending on creating fragmented databases. With that information, they can start spending funds in a coordinated manner as a strategic investment.

Director Fine stated that Rhode Island is entering a new frontier for thinking about health in innovative ways. The usage of big data will give the state better capacity to think in new ways.

3. Affordable Care Act Initiatives

Elena Nicoletta from EOHHS gave a brief presentation on Medicaid expansion's Integrated Care Initiative. Those who are dual-eligible are enrolled on a phased-in basis. There are different populations targeted at different phases. Currently, the opt-out rate is 8%. The ICI includes three options: Rhody Health Options, Connect Care Choice *Community Partners*, and PACE. All three bridge primary care with long term care services. The current phase does not include services funded by BHDDH.

Lt. Governor Roberts asked if Phase II would include the integration of BHDDH services. Elena answered that there is no mandate to include BHDDH services. EOHHS is currently meeting weekly with BHDDH to discuss combining services.

Elena noted that currently, there are ICI plans that build off of older plans. Rhody Health Options builds on Rhody Health Partners and Connect Care Choice *Community Partners* builds on Connect Care Choice. Both of the ICI plans are managed care. Currently, there is an eligibility reduction for RIticare parents. Director Licht asked if there was a way to track the people who go through Medicaid. It was stated that while they are able to track eligible people who have not enrolled.

Director Licht also asked what the subsidies for the program were. Elena stated that there are federal dollars that match assistance payments.

4. SIM Update

Dan Meuse from the Lt. Governor's Office gave an update on the SIM/SHIP project. It is currently in the public comment period. The office is expecting to hear about the second round of grant applications as well; the grants would provide 30-50 million dollars for the implementation programs.

Rhode Island is the only state that has created a SHIP document that has a public comment period.

5. New Business

Director Licht wanted to thank Lt. Governor Roberts and former Health Insurance Commissioner Koller for their roles in championing health care reform in Rhode Island.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on December 19th.