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Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes October 14, 2014

Members in Attendance: Patricia Baker, Co-chair, Victoria Veltri, Steven Hanks, Anne Foley, Pat Rehmer, Pat Checko, Mark Schaefer, Kathleen Brennan, Margaret Smith, Shelly Sweatt, Jim Wadleigh, Lakisha Hyatt, Josh Wojcek, Anne Melissa Dowling

Members Absent: Lt. Governor Wyman, Ellen Andrews, Terry Edelstein, Bonita Grubbs, William Handelman, Joette Katz, Eugene Market, Donna Moore, Jewel Mullen, John Oraziotti, Frances Padilla, Linda St. Peter, Robert Tessier, Joanne Walsh

Agenda Item	Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	Call to order & Introductions	None.	
2.	Public Comment	No public comment.	
3.	Review & Approval of minutes	None.	Minutes approved.
4.	Access Health CT (AHCT) Update, Jim Wadleigh, acting CEO, AHCT	Jim provided an overview of Access Health CT's efforts leading up to the 2 nd open enrollment period beginning November 15, 2014. He outlined the Exchange's plans for the reenrollment and auto-enrollment of existing customers, and outreach going on during the month of October to ensure that customers are aware of the enrollment period and what actions they must take to reenroll or select different plans for the upcoming year.	More information and updates will be provided continuously at www.accesshealthct.com

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		<p>To questions from Steven Hanks and the office of the Comptroller and Shelly Sweatt, Jim explained that the number of plans being offered this year has settled at around 172, up last year from 65, and that auto-renewal will be taking into consideration the income and family member changes of customers wishing to reenroll. In these cases, customers will have to log onto AHCT's website to edit their profiles to reflect their most updated information. Auto-renewal customers would have selected to auto-renew during their initial enrollment process. The Board meeting on October 16, 2014 would reflect the process more thoroughly. In response to a question from Vicki Veltri, Jim outlined the renewal packets that were going out in the mail to existing members to be sure that they have all of the information and tools to successfully reenroll.</p> <p>Peggy Smith inquired about the status of dental enrollment, and Jim explained that a new feature of the website during this enrollment period includes the option to enroll in an individual dental plan.</p> <p>Pat Baker brought up the tax-filing process for those who received a tax credit through their enrollment on the exchange, to which Jim explained there would be a campaign to help members understand their obligations at tax time. There would be a training effort through the call center to be sure that call center staff could accommodate questions related to the 1095-A; the tax form for those who received a credit for their insurance.</p>	
5.	State Health Innovation (SIM) Update , Dr. Mark Schaefer, Director	Dr. Schaefer updated the Cabinet on the continued efforts of the State Innovation model. His full presentation can be	Updated information can be found at the SIM website.

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	of Health Innovation	viewed at the link provided in the Action column. Members did not have questions for Dr. Schaefer after his presentation.	Dr. Schaefer's presentation is available here . Comments and questions related to SIM can be submitted to sim@ct.gov .
6.	Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) Update , Patricia Checko, Co-Chair, CAB	<p>Pat Checko, Co-Chair of the Consumer Advisory Board, offered an update on the CAB and its happenings. She outlined CAB's main functions and its emphasis on the importance of the consumer in the healthcare reform process, as well as the difficulties that the consumer can face during a time of such reform. She stated that there are more than 40 consumer advocates involved at many levels, and those advocates are able to reflect the interest of a diverse group of consumers to ensure that all voices are heard in relation to healthcare reform. This group of advocates has also been meeting every few weeks to be sure that they have a clear understanding of the must-haves moving forward. Pat said that the SIM Project Management Office, as well as the Lt. Governor, have listened to the opinions of the advocates and have taken them into consideration while adjusting various committee membership and action.</p> <p>Pat emphasized that the CAB is excited to do their work, and to return to a different spectrum of focus to talk about wellness, preventative and sick care in a new way.</p>	Information and updates on the Consumer Advisory Board can be found here .
7.	Next Steps	The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 9 a.m. in LOB Room 1D	

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8.	Adjournment		

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