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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes October 8, 2013

Cabinet Attendees: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, Chair; Patricia Baker, Vice Chair; Kevin Counihan, Anne Foley, Bonita Grubbs, Steven Hanks, Kevin Lembo, Timothy Lyons, Terrence Macy, Eugene Market, Margaret Smith, Linda St. Peter, Shelly Sweatt, Robert Tessier, Victoria Veltri.

Absent: Ellen Andrews, Roderick Bremby, Terry Edelstein, William Handelman, Joette Katz, Jeffrey Lucht, Donna Moore, Jewel Mullen, John Oraziotti, Frances Padilla, Joanne Walsh.

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1.	Call to order & Introductions	None.	
2.	Public Comment	No public comment.	
3.	Review & Approval of 9/10/13 minutes	None.	Minutes approved.
4.	Department of Public Health: State Health Assessment Program Presentation Kristin Sullivan	Kristin Sullivan, Manager in Public Health Systems at the Department of Public Health, updated members of the Cabinet on the background, context and status of the CT State Health Improvement Planning Process. Ms. Sullivan outlined DPH's work under the National Public Health Improvement Initiative and explained what vision, operating	Comptroller Kevin Lembo, as well as Reverend Bonita Grubbs and the Lt. Governor encouraged Ms. Sullivan, and DPH to bring a draft of the State Health Improvement Plan back to the Cabinet prior to finalization. DPH's presentation is available

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		<p>principles, focuses and benefits to the State this plan can bring to the table. Though the plan is still in the beginning stages while drafting an action plan, Ms. Sullivan assured Cabinet members that the process and outcomes will involve measureable improvements across public health.</p>	<p>here.</p>
5.	<p>Access Health CT (AHCT) Update, Kevin Counihan</p>	<p>Kevin Counihan, CEO of Access Health CT, provided an update for the Cabinet with information on the current status of the newly launched Insurance Exchange. As of this meeting, 1,157 applications had been processed and were broken down as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26% Gold Plans • 49% Silver Plans • 21% Bronze Plans • 4 % Catastrophic <p>Kevin pointed out that 29% of those enrollees were between the ages of 18 and 34 years old, which he qualified as a good start for balancing the risk pool based on age.</p> <p>Overall, the system continued to operate on a stable track, and this achievement is attributed to the Exchange's focus on establishing a solid system that is simple for costumers to understand and work through, as well as an operations strategy that allowed for efficient outsourcing of certain services. Kevin explained that though the federal hub faced challenges since their launch on Oct. 1, Connecticut is trying to make it easier by allowing for continuous flow of information, rather than intermittent submission of information batched together. AHCT has trained 1,000 people, and has established a goal of 100,000 enrollees before the end of open enrollment – many applications of</p>	<p>More information and updates will be provided continuously at www.accesshealthct.com</p>

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		<p>which they anticipate to be submitted between Thanksgiving and mid-December. He announced that the first retail store will be opening during the following week.</p>	
6.	<p>State Innovation Model Grant (SIM) Update Vicki Veltri & Mark Schaeffer</p>	<p>Vicki Veltri and Mark Schaeffer of the Healthcare Advocate presented the Proposed Health Equity Features of SIM Design. This presentation included an update on the development of the Advanced Medical Home Model, including the enabling elements of achieving this model. Mark worked through the presentation centralized around the idea of Health Equity and how it is considered and applied to each division of the planning process. This includes the subdivisions of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care Transformation: outlining the core elements of the Advanced Medical Home Model • Community Health Improvement: the involvement of certified community-based health entities and their services • Enabling Initiatives: performance transparency, consumer empowerment, health information technology, value based payment and workforce development. • And the Governance and Operating Model over the testing of the Advanced Medical Home model. This portion included the potential breakdown of taskforces and/or councils charged with evaluating crucial elements of testing the model. 	<p>Updated information on this model as well as presentations will continue to be posted on the SIM website.</p>
7.	Next Steps	<p>The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in LOB room 1D.</p>	

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8.	Adjournment		

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