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Health Care Cabinet:
Business Plan Development Work Group

Monday, June 18, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: *Frances Padilla, Co-Chair; Nancy Yedlin, Co-Chair; Ellen Andrews; Phil Boyle; David Guttchen; Alex Hutchinson; Linda St. Peter;*

Members Absent: *Bonita Grubbs; Vicki Veltri; Tom Woodruff*

Welcome and Introductions

Frances Padilla opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Members introduced themselves.

The minutes from the June 4 meeting were approved.

Review of Cabinet Presentation

Ms. Padilla asked members to share their thoughts about the work group's presentation to the Health Care Cabinet on June 12, and the Cabinet's reactions to the work group's recommendations.

Ellen Andrews said that the work group's presentation led to a substantive discussion of the recommendations and related issues. She added that the work group should continue to focus on high-level recommendations, and not on specific health plan benefits.

Phil Boyle said that the term "value", in the context of a "value-based strategy", may have a different meaning to different people. Alex Hutchinson said that the group should develop a standard definition of "value".

Nancy Yedlin read an e-mail from Bonita Grubbs, who was not able to attend the meeting. Rev. Grubbs said that the work group and the Cabinet need to address health disparities and health equity, as well as the role of consumers, in their recommendations. Mr. Hutchinson said that the work group and Cabinet should establish standards of access to care for the entire population, then look at policies to help people reach those levels. Ms. Padilla said that it is important for

the work group to address specific health disparities in order to inform policy recommendations. Ms. Yedlin suggested that the group look at data on health disparities in Connecticut.

With regard to consumers, Linda St. Peter suggested that the work group consider policies dealing with individuals who have high deductible insurance plans. Ms. Andrews said that the role of consumers in health care policy should be strengthened. Ms. Padilla said that Connecticut could learn from the work of the Massachusetts Connector, which has conducted significant consumer outreach.

Discussion of Additional Work Group Tasks

Ms. Padilla and Ms. Yedlin shared a list of health policy experts and asked members to contact them over the summer in order to get their feedback on the work group's recommendations.

Members who were present agreed to have a meeting or conference call in August to review the experts' feedback and proceed with writing recommendations to the Cabinet.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.