

OPEGA Biennial Work Plan for 2013-2014 (Status updated as of 6-18-14)

Project Topic	Resp Dept	Phase	General Scope	Detailed Scope Avail?
In Progress				
DHHS Licensing and Regulation of Child Care Providers	Dept of Health & Human Services- Bureau of Licensing and Regulatory Services	Preliminary Research	Staffing and other resources for licensing and regulation of child care providers; policies, procedures and practices related to identified issues and complaints against providers	No
DHHS Workplace Culture and Environment	Dept. of Health and Human Services	Planning	Workplace culture and environment within DHHS, including management behavior and treatment of employees, and whether it is conducive to recruiting, retaining and engaging capable, knowledgeable and motivated employees.	No
Health Care in Corrections System: Formal Follow-up Review	Dept. of Corrections	Planning	Assessment of prisoner and resident health care concerns being reported to advocacy organizations.	No
Office of Information Technology	Dept of Admin and Financial Services	Fieldwork	Follow-up to monitor OIT goals and action plans for improvements in project management, disaster recovery and business continuity, and supporting the State's data and information needs.	Yes
Special Project: Tax Expenditure Programs Phase II	NA	NA	As established by Resolve Chapter 115 (LD 1463), develop proposal for implementing ongoing Legislative review of tax expenditure programs for consideration by Taxation Committee. Proposal to include classification and schedule for tax expenditure reviews, evaluation parameters and review criteria, data and data sources, options for stakeholder and public comment, assessment of resources needed and suggested revisions to statute.	No
State Lottery	DAFS Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations	Fieldwork	Expenses of the State Lottery and extent to which they are controlled and minimized; monitoring of adherence to key provisions of the Lottery System Gaming Contract; governance and oversight of State Lottery; Legislative intent for Lottery revenues; and Lottery considerations for decisions on game offerings and marketing.	Yes

Completed

Healthy Maine Partnerships' FY13 Contracts and Funding	Dept. of Health and Human Services - MeCDC		Process used to score HMPs; process and decisions related to selecting lead HMP agencies and determining HMP funding levels; and maintenance of documentation supporting HMP scoring and related decisions.	Yes
Maine Economic Improvement Fund	University of Maine System		Degree to which legislative intent for the program is being met with regard to allocations and expenditures of MEIF. Also degree to which there are measurable goals and objectives for use of the fund.	Yes
Maine State Housing Authority: Energy Assistance Programs	Maine Housing Authority		Results achieved in the Weatherization Program and the effectiveness and efficiency of LIHEAP program administration.	Yes
Public Utilities Commission	PUC		Accessibility and responsiveness of PUC processes available to citizens for pursuing concerns regarding regulated utilities, and measures for ensuring PUC regulates in an unbiased, impartial manner.	Yes
Special Project: Tax Expenditure Programs	NA	NA	Analysis and categorization of existing tax expenditure programs and subsequent development of a proposed framework for on-going legislative review and evaluation of tax expenditure programs.	No
Special Project: Technical Assistance for Education Committee Contracted Study of Education Funding	NA		OPEGA provided technical assistance with development and issuance of RFP, selection of consultant, and monitoring of consultant progress and contract deliverables.	No

Planned

DHHS Audit Functions	Dept. of Health and Human Services		Effectiveness of DHHS audit functions in identifying and addressing fraud, waste and abuse in programs administered by the Department.	No
Public Utilities Commission	Public Utilities Commission		Assessment of extent to which the PUC independently assesses risks and costs associated with ensuring safe, reasonable and adequate electrical services.	No