

**Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
Status Report on Specific Projects In Progress as of 7-30-09**

Review Topic	Review Status	Highlights
Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supplies Purchased through MaineCare	Reporting Phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPEGA has issued the final report on this project at this meeting. As part of our follow –up process, we expect to continue to provide some assistance to DHHS in their research of transactions we referred to them by providing clarification of the concerns identified as needed.
Fund for Healthy Maine: Programs, Allocations and Expenditures	Fieldwork Phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Oct. 7, 2008, GOC approved a request from the HHS Committee for an OPEGA review of certain areas related to a Fund for Healthy Maine. On Feb. 27, 2009, OPEGA issued an Information Brief to the GOC that addressed the comparison of Maine to other states as regards spending of tobacco settlement monies. That Brief also included other information gathered about FFHM programs. The full performance review required to address the other portion of the HHS Committee’s request is in progress. OPEGA selected the following FFHM programs and their related activities for more detailed work: Public Health Infrastructure; Community School Grants; Substance Abuse and Tobacco Prevention and Control. One program was experiencing some delays due to limited availability of a key individual in DHHS, however, those issues appear to have been resolved. Progress on this project has been affected by the need for OPEGA staff to give temporary priority to work on the Maine State Prison Management Issues and the PSAP/Dispatch Center project. This has resulted in an adjustment to our planned release date for the final report which is now expected to be mid-October.
Public Safety Answering Points and Dispatch Centers	Planning and Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPEGA presented the Project Direction Recommendation to the GOC on June 30, 2009 and received approval on the scope questions to pursue. The GOC also approved OPEGA pursuing possible assistance from a consultant. OPEGA is developing an Request for Quote to send to identified consultants and is planning to send that out within the next week.
Administrative Services Contracts at DHHS	Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPEGA requested list of contracts and related pertinent information from DHHS which was received on 7-23-09. OPEGA will use information in the list to prioritize which contracts to begin making inquiries about whether, when and to what degree the contracts have been reviewed.
Medical Services in the Prison System	Planning and Preliminary Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPEGA has initiated preliminary research on this project which is proceeding as OPEGA staff has lulls in the other on-going projects. Department of Corrections management has been notified that this review has been initiated.

