

**Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
Status Report on Specific Projects In Progress as of 9-3-09**

Review Topic	Review Status	Highlights
Fund for Healthy Maine: Programs, Allocations and Expenditures	Fieldwork/ Reporting Phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. OPEGA has begun drafting the report and the findings and recommendations that will be discussed with management. 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 Preliminary Research	<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 issued a Request for Quotation to six consulting firms that had been identified as having the experience we were seeking. Proposals were due back August 26, 2009 and we received four that are being reviewed and scored by an OPEGA team of 3. We expect to select a consultant, or decide that we will forgo hiring a consultant, this week. Fieldwork on this project will begin after that.
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.
Special Project: Assistance to AFA and OFPR	Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPEGA Director has provided AFA with a list of priority areas for potential cost-savings resulting from past OPEGA reviews. The Director also made AFA aware that the GOC had authorized OPEGA to spend up to 1,000 hours assisting with their effort. OPEGA is waiting to receive further direction or request for assistance from OFPR and AFA and has not yet initiated any specific work related to this project.