Update from Steering Committee to
Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Opportunities & Implementation

A. **Early Retiree Insurance Plan**
   - Reduce costs for 55-64 in plans that cover retirees
   - UNUM
   - University of Maine System
   - Portland Water District
   - $5B / Limited Funding
   - Others in negotiation with HHS

B. **Pre-Existing Health condition Plan (PCIP)**
   - Administered through the Dirigo Health Agency
   - $17M
   - 9 enrolled, even before program publicity launch 9/20

C. **Grant Activities**
   - Consumer Assistance Grant – (10/8 Award Date)
     - Competitive
     - Office of the Attorney General & Consumers For Affordable Health Care
   - Home Visiting Grant $668,000 one time funds for epidemiological analysis and health needs assessment of home visiting in Maine. OCFS is applicant, Maine CDC assisted.
   - Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases. $364,000/yr x 2 years for electronic laboratory reporting and epidemiological analysis of certain reportable infectious diseases. Maine CDC is applicant. (Non-competitive, should receive by 9/30.)
   - HIV - $60,000 over 2 years for electronic laboratory reporting of CD4 counts (an HIV/AIDS related test) Maine CDC is applicant. (Non-competitive, should receive by 9/30.)
   - Public Health Infrastructure Grant - $100,000 per year for a Public Health Performance Manager. Maine CDC is applicant, funds will go to Muskie. (Non-competitive, should receive funds by 9/30.)
   - PREP (Personal Responsibility and Education Program) $250,000/year x 5 years to reduce teen pregnancy and STDs – Maine CDC is the applicant and funds go to Family Planning Association of Maine. (Non-competitive, funds should be received by 9/30.)
- Tobacco Quit Line enhancements - $56,000 over 2 years. Maine CDC is applicant. (Non-competitive)

- Physician Assistant training at UNE – awarded this summer to increase PA slots.

- CNA Training $4.9 million to Dept of Labor.

- Pregnant and Parenting Teens Funds – OCFS submitted an application (Maine CDC assisted), applied for $514,000/yr x 3 yrs. Most of funds would go to some high schools and post secondary schools for education programs serving this population.

- Health Care Workforce Planning – Dept of Labor applied ~$150,000 one-time funds.

- Public Health Infrastructure – Maine CDC applied.

- Money Follows the Person (MFP) Planning Grant (OES).

- CNA training for TANF recipients – OAIS applied.

D. **Health Exchange Planning Grants to States**

Up to $1M / State – October 1, 2010 – October 31, 2011

October 1st Award Date

- Administer through Governor’s Office / Transition Plan
- Build on State Health Plan

Hire 2 Project Staff:
- Grant Manager
- Project Analyst

Consultants:

1) Continue Bailit Health Purchasing, LLC, who will do overall planning and engage other consultants as needed (e.g.: actuarial).

2) Qualitative research and focus groups:
   - How many will join Exchange / MaineCare?
   - How to incentivize employers not to drop coverage?

3) Stakeholder involvement:
   - Support Advisory Council on Health Systems Development
   - Buy webcam equipment
   - Focus groups

Page 2
4) Program integration:
   - IT support to link DHHS and Exchange eligibility systems
   - Transitioning Dirigo and subsidies
   - Integration with MaineCare managed care

5) Exchange logistics:
   - Scope of Exchange
   - Governance
   - Possibility of regional back office functions
   - Developing an option that is financial self-supporting

6) Insurance / Marketplace Reforms:
   - Plans in-and-out of Exchange / adverse selection

Maybe use reinsurance model enacted in Maine but not implemented due to People’s Veto of funding.

NOTE: Bureau of Insurance will update merged markets study.

**Budget**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Consultants (IT, Actuarial, Focus Groups, etc.)</td>
<td>$725,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Personal &amp; Fringe</td>
<td>193,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Travel</td>
<td>42,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td>30,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supplies</td>
<td>10,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Page 3