I. Welcome and Housekeeping

Commissioner Rothman welcomed members of the Task Force. Per an earlier question raised by Task Force members, Commissioner Rothman reminded the group that all meetings of the Task Force and Work Groups are open to the public and all meeting materials will be posted on the Department of Commerce Exchange website. Four Work Groups - Adverse Selection and Encouraging Market Competition and Value, Long-Term Governance, Financing, and Navigators and Agents/Brokers - are currently meeting and working on providing technical assistance on the pros and cons of initial issues for consideration by the Task Force. The Task Force will discuss recommendations related to the issues presented by the Work Groups at the January 10, 2012 meeting in St. Paul.

II. Adverse Selection and Encouraging Market Competition and Value

Dr. Roger Kathol and April Todd-Malmlov were introduced as co-leads of the Adverse Selection and Encouraging Market Competition and Value work group. Ms. Todd-Malmlov explained that the Work Group has met twice to date and the group is composed of a number of stakeholders including consumers, employers, insurers, navigators and agents/brokers, providers, tribal governments, market experts, legislators, and state agency staff. Ms. Todd-Malmlov walked through a presentation including background information on adverse selection, why it is important for Exchanges, tools to mitigate adverse selection, provisions related to adverse selection in the Affordable Care Act, adverse selection concerns, initial issues addressed by the Work Group and next steps. The presentation slides can be found on the Department of Commerce website.

III. Task Force Discussion of Adverse Selection Issues

Task Force members asked a number of questions and discussed issues related to the adverse selection presentation, including:

- Coverage levels offered inside and outside the Exchange
- Definitions of “same products”
- State options
- Market rules, risk pools and subsidies
- Current Minnesota laws and the possibility of aligning requirements across existing markets
- Competition and value
- Risk adjustment methodology
IV. **Exchange IT RFP and Prototype Feedback**

April Todd-Malmlov and Pete Frank presented information on Minnesota’s Exchange IT RFP. The Commerce Department released a two-stage “proof of concept” request for proposals for the information technology components of an Exchange in June. The request asked vendors to propose innovative, flexible, and interoperable designs that could accommodate various policy decisions and changes over time. In stage one, vendors submitted proposals for consideration and a subset of vendors were selected to receive financial stipends to develop sample modules to demonstrate options for the components of an Exchange. Stage two of the process started on Monday, December 5, 2011.

Part of the stage two process includes gathering public feedback on the sample modules. The public is encouraged to view the sample modules available on the Commerce Department website. Mr. Frank walked through the modules for the Task Force and noted that there is a public survey available on the Commerce Department website for public input. A separate survey will be emailed to Task Force members to solicit their feedback on the prototypes. Feedback provided on the survey tool by December 21, 2011 will be incorporated as 10% of the scoring for the sample modules for potential development in 2012. The sample modules will remain available through the end of January 2012. Public input after December 21, 2011 is encouraged so it can be collected for subsequent development planning of the modules by selected vendors.

V. **Discussion of Future Meeting Schedule**

Task Force members discussed future meeting plans. The next meeting will take place in St. Cloud and meetings in the beginning of 2012 will take place in the Twin Cities. On January 10, 2011, Task Force members will discuss recommendations related to Adverse Selection and Encouraging Market Competition and Value, Long-Term Governance, Financing, and Navigators and Agents/Brokers. Members asked that specific recommendations/principles be available for consideration as soon as possible prior to the January 10, 2011 meeting. A meeting on health disparities will be scheduled for the middle of January following the January 10, 2011 meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 21, 2011, 1 – 5pm  
Atwood Conference Center, St. Cloud State University

**Agenda:**
- Financing
- Long-Term Governance
- Navigators and Agents/Brokers