Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Task Force

Meeting Summary

March 30, 2012

I. Welcome and Housekeeping
Commissioner Rothman welcomed members of the Task Force and updated the Task Force on the status of the open Task Force position – the deadline for applications to be submitted through the Secretary of State’s Office was March 27, 2012 and it is the Commissioner’s intent to make an appointment in early April and have the new member at the next Task Force Meeting on April 20.

II. Summary of Regulations Presentation
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued three final regulations in March: the Exchange regulation was issued on March 13, the Reinsurance, Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment regulation was issued on March 16, and the Medicaid Eligibility regulation was released on March 16. April Todd-Malmlov provided an overview of the final rules and interim rules, the slides are available on the department’s website. Ms. Todd-Malmlov stated that we are still waiting on the tax credits final rule from IRS. Parts of the rules were issued on an interim final basis and are open for comment. Ms. Todd-Malmlov said that the state agencies are planning on putting out a request for comment to solicit stakeholder input on the interim final regulations in the next couple of weeks. Comments can be submitted at any time via email at healthinsurance.exchange@state.mn.us. Commissioner Rothman acknowledged that the rulings on the regulations will further define the scope of the work groups.

III. Work Group Updates
Work group updates were given by each of the respective work group leads or co-leads, including: Adverse Selection; Finance; Governance; Measurement and Reporting; Navigators and Brokers; Outreach, Communications and Marketing; and the Small Employer Workgroup. The Individual Eligibility work group has been formed and will begin meeting in April, 2012. The Plan Certification work group is a sub-group of the Adverse Selection work group and is in the process of being formed and is looking for guidance on scope from the Task Force members. Work group reports can be found on the department’s website.

IV. Discussion of Future Meeting Schedule
Commissioner Rothman thanked members of the Task Force for their time and noted the location of the April meeting. He also noted that a future meeting may take place in Duluth or Cloquet this summer.

Next Meeting: Friday April 20, 2012, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Location: Hiway Federal Credit Union, Administrative Offices
840 Westminster Street, St. Paul