



## Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council Administration & Finance Committee

Executive Office for Administration and Finance  
State House Room 373, Boston, MA  
February 29, 2016 11:00 AM

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting began at 11:05 a.m.

Present were Lauren Peters (designee of Secretary Lepore), Undersecretary Alice Moore (designee of Secretary Sudders), Health Policy Commission Executive Director David Seltz, Fay Donohue, and Executive Director Áron Boros.

Also present were Angela Marin (Executive Office for Administration and Finance), Erika Wilkinson (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts), Barbara Bousquet and Andrew Jackmauh (CHIA), Erika Scibelli (HPC), and Ann LaBelle (Massachusetts Association of Health Plans).

Executive Director Boros walked the committee through a comparison between CHIA's fiscal year 2016 spending as of December 31, 2015 and spending projections for the rest of the fiscal year. He explained that the agency was on course to have a reversion in its appropriation at the end of FY16. He then described each of the projects anticipated to have a surplus, the largest being spending associated with a consumer transparency website. A brief discussion followed. Undersecretary Moore requested additional details on the status of and spending associated with this project. Executive Director Seltz inquired as to whether this project would be a one-time spend. Executive Director Boros explained that, aside from some small staff engagement and hosting fees, the majority of the spending would represent one-time costs. Ms. Donohue asked a question about the project timeline. Executive Director stated that he expected the project goals and timelines to be further defined before the Council's meeting in June.

Executive Director Boros described each of the categories anticipated to outspend original projections, including CHIA's work on provider quality. He clarified that, while the work on insurance coverage currently showed a deficit, it was expected to show a surplus at the end of the fiscal year, due to changes in the project schedule. He also explained that approximately \$88,000 in spending allocated to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services reflects a miscategorization. These funds, he clarified, should be reflected under mandated benefit reviews.

Undersecretary Moore requested that Executive Director Boros notify the Oversight Council whenever CHIA undertakes new interagency agency work. The Committee briefly discussed the value of a monthly status report to the Council.

Ms. Peters inquired about the implications of CHIA's anticipated reversion for FY17 budgeting purposes. Executive Director Boros explained that CHIA would continue to closely monitor spending, and that the agency would use actual FY16 spending—not projections—as the basis for the FY17 budget. He stated that he would share this information with the Committee in advance of its June meeting.

A brief discussion of forthcoming budget hearing followed.

Executive Director Seltz reminded the group that minutes from the Committee's November meeting were outstanding and requested that they be provided at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Executive Director Seltz and seconded by Ms. Peters.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.