

July 18, 2016

Greetings,

On behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services and the State Innovation Model Evaluation Committee, I would like to invite you to participate in a focus group discussion about governance of the SIM effort. This discussion will take place on:

Wednesday, July 27th at 10:30 AM, as part of the regular July Maine SIM Meeting at MaineGeneral.

This focus group will include Steering Committee members and will last about ninety minutes. To make this more convenient for you and as a thank you for your participation, lunch will be provided.

This effort is part of the evaluation of Maine's State Innovation Model. The objective of this discussion is to understand current governance of healthcare transformation activities in Maine and how to enhance governance, including what is effective and should be maintained, and what is ineffective and should be discontinued or adjusted. Since you participated in one of the most important committees that provided input into SIM strategies, DHHS would like to hear directly about your experiences.

The session will be conducted in focus group style, that is, open-ended questions will be posed for general discussion. To allow sufficient candor, there will be no DHHS representatives present. I will moderate the groups and Kathy Woods of the Lewin Group will assist. We will record the session for notetaking purposes, however, these notes will be used for research needs only and will not be shown or provided to DHHS. The information you provide will be held in confidence and your name will not be associated with your comments in any way.

Focus group discussions work best with groups of 10 people or less, so the first 10 who respond will be included. Please let me know by email or phone if you are willing to participate.

Thank you for your consideration.



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