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Agenda for December 16th HITSC Meeting

Background: The Maine Office of the State Coordinator (OSC) is required under federal Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) to evaluate the four-year grant and agreement that provided funding for the OSC and for the Health Information Exchange (HIE) in Maine. Maine's designated HIE, operated by HealthInfoNet (HIN) a private non-profit company, is a component of the work of HIN, yet the company HIN has a broader business model and work beyond the four-year HIE contract. In other words, the terms HIE and HIN are not interchangeable. Both have distinct roles and responsibilities. This evaluation covers the four-year grant for the OSC and the contract between the State and HIN to operate the HIE. It is not an evaluation of the company, HealthInfoNet.

Recognizing the long relationship and experience with public-private partnerships in Maine, we expect that this evaluation will be a celebration of all that has been accomplished in the last four years; using the lessons we have learned to accomplish even more; and chart the beginning of the road to the future.

The evaluation being conducted consists of two components: 1) Exchange of Health Information in Maine, which we will call both the "verb" and the "noun" because a component of the ONC grant is the contract between the State and HIN to operate the HIE; and 2) The future of the exchange of health information in Maine.

The meeting for December 16th continues the discussions of Component No. 1. We recently learned that the ONC is requiring evaluations be completed by early February. Although we would have liked to have more time for the evaluation and to conduct individual forum groups, we will not have the opportunity to do that under Component No. 1. The December 16th meeting will take the place of individual forums and provide an opportunity for all participants to provide input.

We will also talk about further discussions and begin talking about Component No. 2.

10:00 – 10:10 Introductions (Participants will be asked to introduce themselves and their interests in the Exchange of Health Information in Maine)

10:10 – 10:30 Summary of Exchange of Health Information in Maine for purposes of Component No. 1 of the evaluation (Dawn R. Gallagher, and HIN, and HTS the vendor conducting the evaluation)

10:30 – 11:30 Sustainability Opportunities: Life after ARRA (We ask participants to consider the following two topics for our discussion)

Adding Value to the Exchange of Health Information: Electronic Health Records (E H Rs) and systems; Meaningful Use; Quality Measures and Reporting; Data Use; HIE; and other mechanisms and projects for adding value;

Opportunities: Integrating initiatives; Funding Sources such as the Medicaid Meaningful Use funding; Resources; and other opportunities.

11:30 – noon Next steps; action items; wrap-up