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Date: 12/11/2013 1:38:35 AM
Subject: RE: Invitation for South Carolina to Speak at NGA Meeting

Thanks – I'm glad John will be able to attend. Unfortunately, January 14th is the first day of our legislative session, so I suspect that nobody else from our side will be able to make it.

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From: Hsieh, Jason [mailto:jhsieh@NGA.ORG]
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Subject: RE: Invitation for South Carolina to Speak at NGA Meeting

Christian, thanks again for your help in reaching out to John Supra. I also wanted to follow-up and see if others from the state are able to join us. NGA will cover travel and lodging for three, in addition to John.

Based on feedback from governors' offices, the meeting emphasizes the "how" of health systems transformation with sessions that provide interactive dialogues and concrete examples of the policy options, levers and leadership strategies that states have successfully used to improve health outcomes and reduce costs. Below is a sampling of the types of discussion you will get to participate in:

- Oklahoma will speak about the elements of their delivery system that led to improved health outcomes and contained costs
- Nevada will highlight how they are using the health care services sector to drive the state's overall economy and growth
- Arkansas will share the key leadership strategies, pitfalls to avoid, principles to lean on, and ways to get support from stakeholders to transform Medicaid
- National experts will share how state leaders can manage change, break down inefficient siloes, and address legal barriers to integrating mental health and primary care systems
- Len Nichols, Professor of Health Policy, George Mason University, will moderate a closing panel that addresses the top challenges for states in transforming their health systems

Attached you'll find the agenda and a team designation form. Once I get the form returned, I'll send all participants a registration link. Registration closes Friday, December 20.

I hope more folks from South Carolina can attend! Happy to chat about it.

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From: Hsieh, Jason
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 4:14 PM
To: 'Soura, Christian'
Subject: RE: Invitation for South Carolina to Speak at NGA Meeting

Thanks, Christian. This is a great initiative you are leading up.

For the meeting as a whole, not sure if you got NGA's original invitation sent to the governor's office, but we can cover the travel costs for up to three individuals from the state to attend. Speaker's don't count in that number. That is, if scheduling worked out, we can cover a speaker from SC plus three additional folks.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 3:51 PM
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Subject: RE: Invitation for South Carolina to Speak at NGA Meeting

Jason,

Thanks for your note. I won't be able to attend because it's the first day of our legislative session, but I've referred your request to the Director and the Deputy Director at our Department of Health and Human Services. I'm sponsoring our project, but it's being led out of HHS, so they'd be good candidates to speak, if the scheduling works out. We should be able to get back to you pretty soon – thanks.

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From: Hsieh, Jason [<mailto:jhsieh@NGA.ORG>]
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Christian, I noted with great interest that South Carolina is one of six states to receive a social impact bond grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. That's exactly the kind of innovation other states want to hear about as they look for more sustainable means of financing health related initiatives.

To that end, I'd like to invite an appropriate individual from your state to speak at the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices' upcoming meeting, *Learning from Each Other: The Roles of States in Transforming their Health Systems*. The meeting will take place January 14-15, 2014, in Washington, D.C. The particular breakout session will cover how states are paying for health initiatives beyond traditional grants that are unsustainable and lead to fragmented services. The session would take place Tuesday, January 14, 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM.

We would cover travel and lodging expenses. Attached you'll find more information about the meeting.

I hope someone from South Carolina can participate,

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