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Date: 11/18/2014 4:51:48 PM
Subject: RE: LGOA information for steering committee

Eleanor,

Wednesday would work. How about 10:00?

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From: Eleanor Stein [mailto:eleanor@imph.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 12:42 PM
To: Kester, Tony
Subject: RE: LGOA information for steering committee

Hi Tony,

Thanks for your email. I'd like to ask my colleague Virgie Chambers to join us in the meeting, since her expertise on all things budget-related far exceeds mine. We have availability this week and next week before Thanksgiving, if that might work for you. Here are some possible days:

- Wednesday, 11/19 most any time
- Monday, 11/24 most any time
- Tuesday, 11/25 afternoon

Might you have any availability on these dates? If so, just let us know what time you'd prefer. If the days listed above don't work, could you let me know if you have availability any other dates/times in the next week, and I can work to juggle schedules so that we can meet at your convenience.

Thank you,
Eleanor

From: Kester, Tony [mailto:kester@aging.sc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 11:55 AM
To: 'eleanor@imph.org'
Subject: RE: LGOA information for steering committee

Eleanor,

It would be best to meet with me. Do you have a particular day and time in mind?

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From: Eleanor Stein [<mailto:eleanor@imph.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 11:50 AM
To: Kester, Tony
Cc: Lee Pearson
Subject: LGOA information for steering committee

Hi Tony,

We had a productive steering committee meeting yesterday. I'm sorry you weren't able to join us and hope your trip to Aiken wasn't too soggy!

Following up on the meeting, I am writing to inquire about budget information that will be needed by the steering committee in order to finalize the package of recommendations and build a comprehensive narrative supporting those recommendations. I would like to meet with you and/or a member of your budgetary staff to discuss your FY14 budget, including any of the information below that you might be able to provide:

- The LGOA's various funding sources (How much money comes from each source? How much of the funding is state money?)
- A breakdown of funds by program area (How much money is allotted to the major different programs? In particular, information on HCBS is needed, including information on all funding sources.)
- Information on how many people are served and how many are on waiting lists
- Information on costs per person of the various major programs/services (or costs per service, depending on what cost utilization measures you use)

Based on our meeting discussion yesterday, I would say the most urgent information needed relates to HCBS funded through the LGOA. So, if it is possible to get that information first, we could then follow up separately about the other information.

Could you let me know who is best to follow up with regarding our request for the above information? Since you are a steering committee member, I've reached out directly to you, but I know your schedule requires a lot of travel so we'd be happy to follow up with a member of your budgetary staff, if that's best. We'd also be happy to meet in person to further discuss our request and what kind of information might be available.

Given the taskforce timeline, we hope to be able to follow up with you soon on this information.

Thank you,
Eleanor

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