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Lets talk.

From: Teeshla Curtis [mailto:CURTIST@scdhhs.gov]
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To: Kester, Tony
Cc: Nathaniel Patterson; Sam Waldrep
Subject: RE: Grant Opportunity

Tony,

I wanted to follow up with you regarding you email to Sam last week. Again, we appreciate the your office's willingness to consider partnering with us in this effort. As it relates to the Demonstration's enrollment activities, home visits are not a required component for the options counseling. Based on our conversation last week, the enrollment counseling component would be a function of your existing SHIP counselors.

Home visits was something we mentioned related to the ombuds program; however, I do not think that is a 'requirement' for CMS. It is listed among the considerations for the programs since a number of Demonstration enrollees may be homebound or in an institution. I think that these visits are something we can mitigate through the design of the ombuds program.

Nevertheless, the issue of the available funding for options counseling through ADRCs and SHIPs has come up in a recent National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) phone call. We understand that CMS is trying to address the issue of funding levels. We are also including funding for education and options counseling in our budget request to CMS. Hopefully, our implementation funding along with funding through this grant opportunity would be sufficient.

If you would like, we can also address the scope of your services based on the availability of funding. As mentioned earlier, since SHIP counselors serve as an access point for this population, I think it would be ideal for us to partner together as your counselors may be asked questions about the program. Our CMS project officer is also getting some feedback for us regarding any conflict of interest with you contracting with the state for enrollment counseling and with health plans to provide services.

I hope this information helps. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Sam,

After looking at the grant opportunity for the DE's, I just don't think there is enough money to provide statewide coverage to the point of some home visits. I would like to talk more about the new Ombudsman/Navigator role to determine if this is something we could help HHS.

Thanks.

Tony

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