

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Responses to Questions from Interested Parties  
Regarding the Opportunity to Participate in  
The One Care Implementation Council**

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EOHHS has received some questions of general interest regarding the recent posting of an Opportunity to Participate in the One Care Implementation Council (Bid number 17-1039-EHS01-EHS02-10985) and has prepared this Q&A to provide interested parties with clarification of the nomination requirements.

1. How long is each term? How often does the Council meet? Where does the Council meet?

**Answer:** EOHHS anticipates that the Council will meet monthly or bimonthly through December 2019. The Council will develop its own meeting schedule, including meeting locations. For reference, the 2013-2016 Council held meetings on a near-monthly basis, with additional ad hoc subcommittee and workgroup meetings, and all in the Boston area. (Please refer to the question, “**How often do they meet?**” and “**What commitment is required from Implementation Council members?**” in the FAQ document.)

2. Would there be a conflict of interest for an individual working in the healthcare industry?

**Answer:** It depends on who your employer is. The FAQ states in response to the question, “**What commitment is required from Implementation Council members?**” that “Members must be residents of Massachusetts and not be employed by a One Care plan or serving in a volunteer capacity for such organization.”

The FAQ further states in response to the question, “**What are the selection criteria?**” that the goal of the evaluation team is to select a panel of members that includes provider or trade association representatives for medical services, behavioral health services, and long-term services and supports.

3. Do members of the current Implementation Council need to do anything if they want to continue to be Council members?

**Answer:** Yes. Anyone who wants to be on the Implementation Council for its new term must apply through the same process, regardless of whether or not a person has previously served as an Implementation Council member. The newly constituted Implementation Council that begins in February could contain a mix of new members and current Council members, if they choose to reapply and are selected, or it could contain all new members. Please refer to the Notice of Opportunity, FAQ, and Nomination Form documents for information on how to apply.

4. Will preference be given to current Implementation Council member applicants?

**Answer:** No. All individuals will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the Notice of Opportunity, FAQ, and Nomination Form documents. As the FAQ states in response to the question “**What are the selection criteria**,” “...EOHHS may select a panel of members that includes a diversity of experiences with One Care, including One Care members, applicants with knowledge of or experience with One Care, applicants with experience serving on the One Care Implementation Council, and applicants with no prior experience serving on the One Care Implementation Council.” (Please refer to the questions “**What is the selection process**” and “**What are the selection criteria**” in the FAQ document.)

5. Will current Council members have any input into the selection of new Council members?

**Answer:** No. (Please refer to the question “**What is the selection process**” in the FAQ document.)

6. I received an email with the subject line: “Bid Cancellation Notification.” Has this procurement been cancelled?

**Answer:** No. Please ignore any emails referring to a bid cancellation. These emails are the result of a technical glitch on COMMBUYS. At one point, two virtually identical bids for the Opportunity to Participate in the One Care Implementation Council appeared on COMMBUYS, and the duplicate bid has now been removed. This procurement is still active. Please refer to the Notice of Opportunity, FAQ, and Nomination Form documents for information on how to apply.