

Kansas Health Benefit Exchange (KS HBE) Work Plan & Timeline

August 2010

Application to HHS for Exchange Planning Grant due September 1, 2010

October 2010

\$1 Million Exchange Planning Grant awarded

December 2010

Conduct open and transparent planning process leading to recommendation regarding KS HBE

Outreach to state agencies, legislators, stakeholders, consumers, and the public regarding KS's HBE planning process

Apply for federal HHS Early Innovator Grant

Establish primary HBE Advisory Committee and issue specific task forces

Post information about planning process on KID and other state agency websites

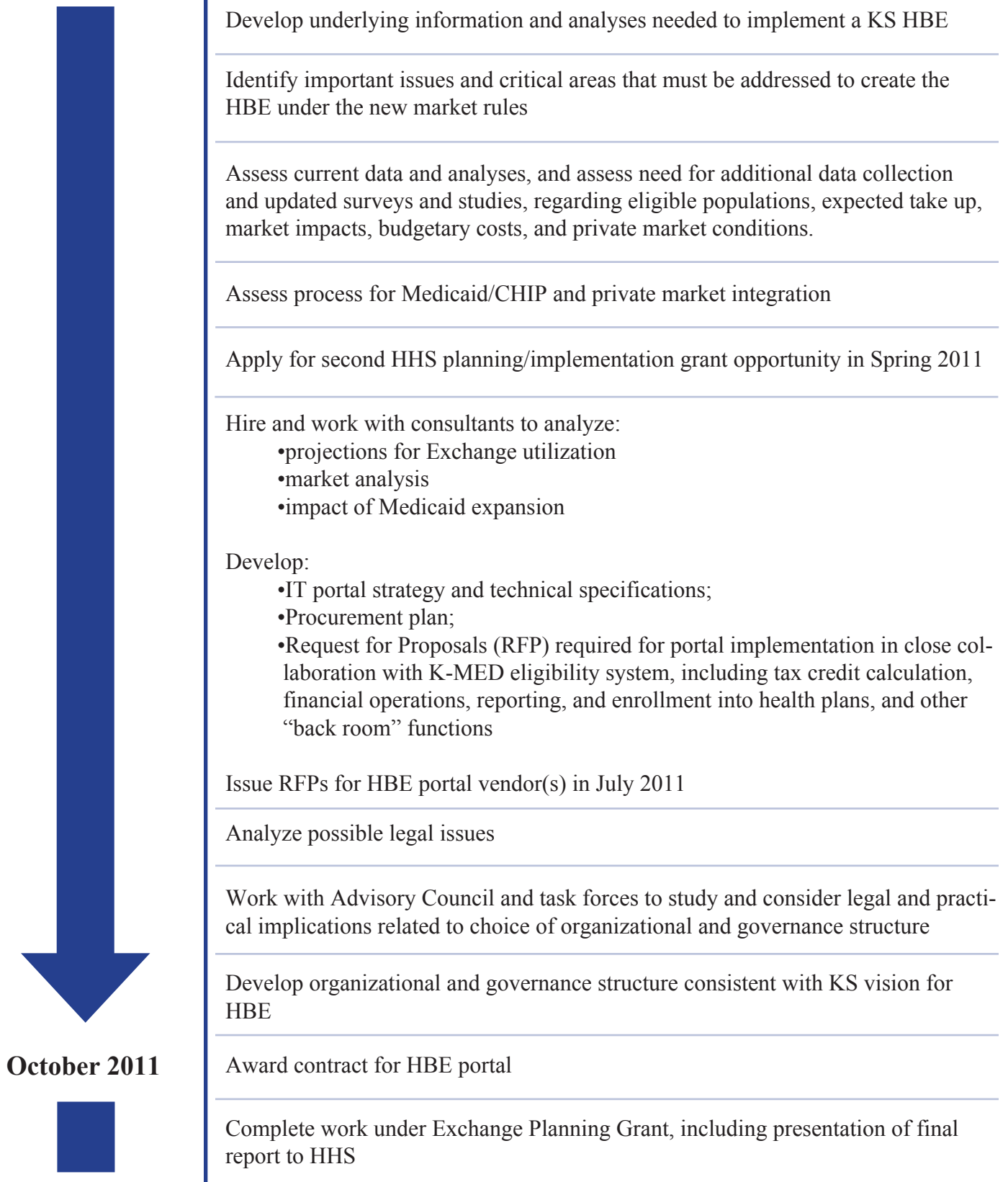
Hire contractor for HBE project IT planning/management

Hire contractor for facilitation of planning process

Hold regular Advisory Committee and Task Force meetings in order to:

- Educate committee and task force members
- Discuss vision and purpose for HBE (state only or regional)
- Address state options for implementing HBE
- Address governance structure (state agency, quasi-public/private, 501(c)(3)?)
- Address business operation & technical/infrastructure issues, including call center, navigator program, Medicaid eligibility duties and responsibilities
- Address funding requirements for outside contracting, staff resources, IT for web portal and other functions, equipment, office space
- Address financing mechanism options
- Address necessary regulatory and policy issues (small group/individual market issues, sales inside and outside of HBE, plan ratings, qualified health plan certification process)

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January 2012

Draft proposed legislation to establish HBE organization and governance

Work with Legislature to introduce and pass legislation to establish KS HBE

Development, Implementation

Transition planning process to KS HBE organization

Assess:

- Current resources that can be devoted to implement and operate HBE
- Operational needs of HBE, including financial and IT operations
- Projected funding needs of HBE and funding sources

Document key processes, including:

- Eligibility, subsidy determination and enrollment systems
- Certification of qualified plans
- Financial and auditing systems
- IT systems

Develop:

- Final implementation plan
- Plan of Operation
- Business Plan
- Projected 5 year HBE budget

Assess and Plan For:

- Reporting requirements
- Data sharing
- Coordination with other state and federal agencies
- Navigator program

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