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William Welch, Senate Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the Senate
24 Beacon Street
Room 335, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senate Clerk Welch:

On behalf of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and the Commonwealth Corporation, I am pleased to present you with this report on the strategy for administration and allocation of the Health Care Workforce Transformation Fund and the activities supported by the fund in FY 14 and FY 15.

In FY14, EOLWD and Commonwealth Corporation awarded nearly \$1.9 million to 51 organizations or partnerships to engage in planning activities. In FY 15, \$12.6 million was awarded to 55 training grantees. The report provides the details about the process, activities and outcomes to date of the 51 planning grants and the 55 training grants. The report includes details on the expenditure of funding to support the Massachusetts Loan Repayment Program administered by the Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and the activities related to an award to the Massachusetts eHealth Institute to establish a pilot partnership to support health information technology curriculum development and workforce development.

During this period 74 Massachusetts health care providers participated in training supported by Health Care Workforce Transformation Fund grants. The training grant projects address a wide range of workforce issues and operational/cost-containment strategies. The major areas of focus are in skill enhancement, residencies and fellowships to transition new graduates to practice, process improvement, pipelines and career pathways and behavioral health integration.

EOLWD would like to take this opportunity to thank the Health Care Workforce Transformation Fund Advisory Committee for their commitment and dedication to the program. Through our continued partnership we are working together to assist the Commonwealth's health care community to invest the skills of their workforce to meet the goals of improving quality and containing the costs of health care delivery.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Walker, II
Secretary

Cc: Nancy Snyder, President, Commonwealth Corporation