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Mark--

I went ahead and had the meeting without you. At the other end were Susan and Joe (didn't catch their last names). Our usual guys were away.

Susan reported that they are working on the draft Preliminary Report. She said they have had a phone interview with Kate Lerner this week. They plan to come to MN to attend some regional county directors meetings after the Preliminary Report is completed. She also reported that Charlie is scheduling meetings (she didn't know with whom, I assume it was with J. Brunner & J. Pryzbilla, since we sent him their contact info this week).

I reminded them of some past and imminent due dates: We have not yet received a first draft of the Report Outline, which was due 12/31; the first draft of the Preliminary Report is due 2/1; the final draft of the Preliminary Report is due 2/11, the first Progress report was due 1/18, and they haven't invoiced us yet despite the monthly schedule.

We also discussed Charlie's request for capitation and administrative rates. I asked for clarification of what years they want, and explained we don't set administrative rates for the plans. I expressed our concern that the plans are perhaps spending money on non-health things when we'd rather have them put funds into strengthening their provider payment rates.

I talked to them about "provider network adequacy" and explained that we defer to MDH's assessment of MCO network adequacy, that DHS acts only by complaint. I told them we were going to set them up with a conference call with Irene Goldman. (Did you call her about this yet?)

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