The HCBS Report Card project is led by the Minnesota Board on Aging. The board works closely with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health to manage the project.

HCBS Report Card Stakeholder Update

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Update on the Report Card Website Build

After incorporating the extensive and helpful feedback from the road shows and other stakeholder engagement meetings, the project is moving forward quickly with designs of the new web site and mock ups of the report card concept and "finder" in development. We are anticipating testing in the spring, with a "soft launch" in April for providers to look and update their service features and we are on track for a public release in July of this year.

If you are a provider, please make sure your contact information is current in Minnesotahelp.info© and Provider Portal so you can be reached regarding these updates and opportunity to review your agency's record and services data as new features are integrated into Minnesotahelp.info®.

Planning for the Next Three Services is Underway

The next three services (adult foster care, assistive technology and caregiver supports) will be integrated into the Finder in 2016. Planning for this is already underway and the project has begun scheduling meetings with subject matter experts. As with assisted living, independent living skills training and supported employment, this planning phase will include:

- Environmental scan of each of the services
- Engagement of internal stakeholders within DHS

- Engagement of stakeholder groups within the community
- Engagement of users of these services

Interested stakeholders in these services are encouraged to contact Marc Hedman, the project lead to review potential work and features so that broad input can be gathered for the next phase. Contractors will again be involved to identify features and potential for indicators of quality for each service, as well as holding focus groups to identify potential Finder measures for both providers and providers.