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## **Pioneer Institute Announces Winner of its Better Government Competition** *U.S. Senator Scott Brown to Deliver Keynote at June 18<sup>th</sup> Event Recognizing Winners*

**BOSTON** – Pioneer Institute announced today that **Containing the Cost of Medicaid by Providing Housing for Homeless Individuals**, submitted by the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership and the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, is the winner of the 19<sup>th</sup> Better Government Competition (BGC).

The winning entry proposes providing community-based Medicaid services to ensure intensive case management, paired with supportive housing as a medical and cost saving intervention. By redeploying Medicaid resources, the results would be cost savings and an improvement in the quality of services for the chronic homeless – persons defined as those “with a disabling condition who have been continually homeless for a year or more or who have been homeless four times in three years.” (For more information on this year’s winner, runners-up, and special recognition recipients, please see the attached Fact Sheet.)

The winners were selected by an independent panel of distinguished judges that consisted of:

- Ms. Katherine Craven, Executive Director, Massachusetts School Building Association
- Mr. Andrew Davis, Managing Partner, Overall Capital
- The Honorable Kerry M. Healey, Former Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor
- Mr. Keith Hylton, Professor, Boston University School of Law
- Ms. Wendy Lane, Chairman, Lane Holdings
- Mr. Avi Nelson, *WRKO Radio*
- Mr. John O’Leary, Fellow, Ash Institute, Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government

“State and local governments across the country face extraordinarily tight budgets,” notes Jim Stergios, Pioneer’s executive director. “But a handful of governments stand out for weathering the immediate crisis and for controlling future costs. We need to rethink what we do and how we do it; and that requires learning from others. The winners of this year’s Competition have two things in common: They do more with less and refocus programs on results – on improving the lives of our citizens.”

**On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Pioneer Institute will be holding its annual Competition Awards Dinner at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.** In addition to the award winners, elected officials, policy leaders, and the business community, will be keynote speaker **United States Senator Scott Brown**.

**Scott Brown** was elected to the United States Senate in a special election on January 19, 2010. Previously, Senator Brown served in the Massachusetts State Senate, where as a free-market advocate, he fought against wasteful government spending and higher taxes. His career in public service began as a selectman in Wrentham. He served five years as a State Representative before three terms in the State Senate.

“The many submissions to this year’s Better Government Competition were exceptional, full of common sense policy reforms that can save money at every level of government,” says Shawni Littlehale, director of the Better Government Competition. “I believe that the judges chose the five winning papers that reflect the new age innovations that will help state and local governments balance their budgets.”



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