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## **Senator Scott Brown Honors Award Recipients** *Event Recognizes Fiscally Savvy Ideas*

**BOSTON** – Pioneer Institute tonight held its 19<sup>th</sup> Better Government Competition (BGC). **United States Senator Scott Brown** gave the keynote address.

**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, was the winner of this year's 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.”

“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.”

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

**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.



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