Based on my analysis of Project Hope as an HCI/ IVPA/NRI subcontractor I came up with the following results:

1) Project Hope did not provide sufficient documentation that gives indication that the payment made in the first quarter was utilized properly. They include the following:

   a) Asonti Matthews's salary was to be paid with the first payment to Project Hope. Checks were produced for payment (Check # 2143, 4/29/11 for $1,799.00 and check # 2145, 6/3/11 for $ 1,978.90) but were never given to her. According to our conservation with Dr. Allen & Mr. Gumm on 1.25.12 they were having difficulty locating Ms. Matthews to pay her. To date HCI has no proof that Ms. Matthews was finally paid by Project Hope Early Learning Center due to Jaclin Davis being instructed by Addie Allen, CAO of HCI not to contact Ms. Matthews for verification for legal reasons. Also, please note that neither Dr. Allen nor Ms. Matthews, the case manager assigned, could not produce the deliverables that warranted any work was performed per the contractual terms. This agency did not have a functioning Re Entry program to begin with, as the facility and space Dr. Allen appointed for Project Hope is within a day care center

   b) Checks made payable to Dr. Marlene Allen and James Harrison for payroll were processed but were never cashed. Instead, the checks were donated to Project Hope for "Operational Purposes". Never got a response from Dr. Allen pertaining to the reason why payroll checks are being voided and donated to Project Hope for "Operational Expenses". Also, it was asked as to which "Operational Expenses" were paid and for what operation (Day Care vs. Project Hope), as well as requesting documentation for those "Operational Expenses" Per our conversation with Dr. Allen and her finance person Darryl Gumm, neither could explain what the "Operational Expenses" donation covered. No receipts, invoices or other documentation was presented when questioned where the monies went.

   c) Questionable expenses regarding equipment costs and other line items, as there is not sufficient documentation to indicate full payment to vendors (bank statements to verify check disbursements and cashed checks). Equipment was not available to view at location per requirements of State of Illinois regarding equipment purchases. Per state requirements, each item of furniture/equipment should be available and tagged for inspection upon request. No item per alleged purchases was present per Dr. Allen.

   d) An additional payment was made to Project Hope ($5,003.82) based on a legal dispute regarding payment to Asonti Matthews 1st quarter debt. Again a payment made on behalf of Dr. Allen was donated for "Operational Expenses" for the second quarter.

e) **Recommendation:** Project Hope should reimburse Healthcare Consortium of Illinois/IVPA in the amount of $15,770.49 based on amounts submitted to Project Hope totaling during 2011 (April 2011, $10, 766.67 and November 2011, $5,003.82)

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