

Officers

Amelia Renkert-Thomas, Chair
Simone Joyaux, Vice Chair
Sandra Arnold, Secretary
Siv de Gysser, Treasurer
Leigh Bonney, Assistant Treasurer



Planned Parenthood of Southern New England

Board of Directors

Natalie Adsuar, M.D.
Adriana Arelola-Joseph
Erica Buchsbaum
Gayle Capozzalo
Karen DuBois-Walton
Sue Hessel
Súsmann Mark
Nadesha Mijoba
Donna Moffly
John R. Morton, M.D.
Susan Ross
Fahd Vahidy
Mary Kay Woods

Leadership Committee

Mrs. Malcolm Baldrige
David Bingham, M.D.
Senator Richard Blumenthal
Liz Chace
Rosalie Fain
Francine E. Goldstein
Eunice S. Groark
Chester W. Kitchings, Jr.
Debby Leach
Stephen and Sue Mandel
Dorothy O. Mills
Rabbi Robert Orkand
Sarah Belnecke Richardson
Marcia Riesman
Pablo Rodriguez, M.D.
Betsy Russell
Ann E. Sheffer
Joan L. Tweedy
Chris Van Altsburg
Joan Melber Warburg
Joanne Woodward

President & CEO

Judy Tabar

Administrative Headquarters

345 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, CT 06511
203.865.5158

111 Point Street
Providence, RI 02903
401.421.7820

www.ppsne.org



TO: Steering Committee, Healthcare Innovation Plan
FROM: Judy Tabar, CEO, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE)
November 25, 2013

To the Steering Committee:

Please accept the following comments on the State Innovation Model Initiative:

Planned Advanced Medical Home Model: Planned Parenthood of Southern New England appreciates and generally supports the idea of a medical home model and coordination of care, particularly for people with complex or multiple physical ailments. Still, we strongly feel that any medical home model Connecticut adopts *should not act as a gatekeeper*. Patients will continue to need ready direct access to other providers and specialists, particularly for sensitive services, such as sexual and reproductive healthcare. This care includes contraceptive services, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, HIV testing and pregnancy termination.

Many of these services are preventive in nature, yet few primary care physicians offer a full range of basic sexual and reproductive services. Many primary care physicians, for example, are not qualified to provide IUDs or hormonal implants, two of the most effective birth control methods. And, it's not uncommon for women and men to be unable or unwilling to either talk about these services with the family's primary care provider or to request a referral to a sexual and reproductive health specialist.

Finally, there need to be protections built into a coordinated care system that insure that sensitive services are not only provided, but that crucial information about these services is not shared by way of "explanation of benefit" or other documentation that could put young people or those in abusive relationships at risk.

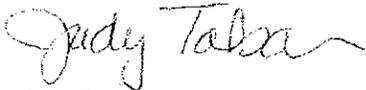
Provider score card and shared savings: Many of the examples of outcome measures that would be included in a provider score card or shared savings program included issues related to diabetes, cardiovascular disease and hospitalization. We advocate including preventive care measures that affect young adults (18-40). This would include such HEDIS measures as chlamydia screening and cervical cancer screening, as well as discussion and use of birth control.

There are a number of studies demonstrating the connection between use of more effective birth control methods and reductions in unintended pregnancies—which affect both married and unmarried women. The Guttmacher Institute has determined that every \$1 spent on family planning saves more than \$5.50 in public and private funds spent on costs related to unintended pregnancies. Further, the savings are often realized within a year, unlike other preventive services that can take a decade or more to show a return on investment.

Finally, providing incentives to providers that focus on sexual and reproductive health also addresses a major concern of the SIM—reducing racial and ethnic health disparities. The rate of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV is *up to 12 times higher* among African-American and Latino women than white women. There is a similarly large disparity in the rates of teen and unintended pregnancy.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute these brief comments. Staff of PPSNE stands ready to elaborate further if you require additional information as you finalize your plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Tabar". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Judy Tabar

President & CEO

Planned Parenthood of Southern New England