

Health Care Cabinet Operating Principles

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1. **Commitment to Impact:** Contribute to the improved physical, mental, and oral health of all Connecticut residents as seen in the following:
 - a. The number of individuals and/or constituencies affected
 - b. The depth and/or intensity of the problem
 - c. Reduction of barriers and burdens for those most vulnerable
 - d. The time frame in which change can occur
 - e. The cost effectiveness of health and health care purchasing that promotes value and optimal health outcomes.
 - f. A health insurance marketplace that provides consumers a competitive choice of affordable and quality options.

2. **Equity in health care delivery and access:** Recommendations are mindful of the goal of reducing disparities based on race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation.

3. **Leverage:** Recommendations must:
 - a. Make the best use of past and current knowledge and expertise
 - b. Maximize the opportunities provided through initiatives from the public and private sector.
 - c. Be informed by data and evidence-based practice and research.

4. **Accountability:** Be fully accountable to the public in a transparent process that meets the objectives of Public Act 11-58.
 - a. Identify and measure outcomes that demonstrate meaningful results
 - b. Maintain consumer-driven goals throughout the process

5. **Inclusion:** Ensure that there are meaningful opportunities to obtain a broad cross-section of views, with particular emphasis on the perspectives consumers, communities, small business, and providers.

6. **Action:** All recommendations must take into account implementation and position of Connecticut to seize opportunities.