



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NANCY WYMAN

Health Care Cabinet:
Business Plan Development Work Group

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Cabinet Attendees: *Co-Chairs, Frances Padilla, Nancy Yedlin and Ben Barnes; Phil Boyle; Vicki Veltri; Ellen Andrews; Bonita Grubbs*

Office of the Healthcare Advocate: *Africka Hinds-Ayala*

Absent: *Linda St. Peter; Tom Woodruff*

Co-Chair Frances Padilla opened the meeting by welcoming members, introducing herself and having Co-Chairs, members and guests introduce themselves.

Co-Chair Padilla led the group in clarifying the charge for this work group. The legislation establishing the Health Care Cabinet, which lays out the charge for this work group, can be obtained by [clicking here](#). Co-Chair Padilla stated that this group's goal is to compile feasibility and risk assessment data to make recommendations to the Governor for an affordable alternative to traditional insurance to be offered on the Health Insurance Exchange. Vicki Veltri offered the opinion that the statutory language is broad, and this group should make recommendations for mechanisms that could be potential solutions for the healthcare delivery system in CT. Co-Chair Nancy Yedlin mentioned the importance of determining who will be covered and who will have access, and addressing mechanisms for coverage. Co-Chair Ben Barnes mentioned upcoming presentations by Mercer that will provide market analysis and needs assessment.

Co-Chair Padilla asked for this group's input on the draft Operating Principles which will be discussed at the next full Cabinet meeting.

Co-Chair Padilla noted that this group is expected to provide a Business Plan to the Governor by October 2012. She asked the group for expectations of deliverables with a timeframe. Co-Chair Yedlin recommended an assessment phase followed by a creation phase. The group agreed upon the following timeframe:

Date	Deliverable
11-22-11	High level timeline
4-1-12	Analysis/ Assessment
5-1-12	Revised analysis/assessment
9-1-12	Draft Business Plan
10-1-12	Business Plan

There was agreement to seek input soon from outside sources in order to draw from existing efforts, such as those occurring in Massachusetts.

Co-Chair Padilla led a discussion of project management support. Ms. Veltri said the Office of the Healthcare Advocate will provide some support. It was agreed that further discussion is needed with the Office of Health Reform and Innovation to clarify various support roles.

Co-Chair Yedlin reported that Alex Hutchinson and Ed Claire have agreed to serve on this group to share their expertise on health plans. Karl Ideman was mentioned as a possible valuable resource. Co-Chair Padilla asked the group to consider potential members and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Renee Reese has been working to ensure that everyone in CT has access to healthcare with no severe racial and ethnic disparities. She asked the group to challenge themselves in bringing on dramatic changes while keeping in mind Sustinet efforts.

Dave Bakewell from AFL-CIO spoke of the importance of affordable healthcare for everyone and mentioned some of the issues he has seen people deal with.

Dr. Lillian suggested looking at various models of payment. She recommended looking at the work of the CT branch of the National Physicians Alliance.

The next meetings will be 11/21/11 and 12/12/11 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned.