

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
State Innovation Model
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

Meeting Summary
February 11, 2016

Meeting Location: Capitol Room 310, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Members Present: Patricia Baker; Jeffrey G. Beadle; Patrick Charmel; Suzanne Lagarde; Alta Lash; Robert McLean; Jane McNichol; Michael Michaud (for Miriam Delphin-Rittmon); Frances Padilla; Ron Preston (for Bruce Liang); Robin Lamott Sparks; Kristin Sullivan (for Raul Pino); Jan VanTassel; Victoria Veltri; James Wadleigh (for Tamim Ahmed); Michael Williams; Thomas Woodruff

Members Absent: Nancy Wyman; Catherine F. Abercrombie; Mary Bradley; Roderick L. Bremby; Anne Foley; Terry Gerratana; Courtland G. Lewis; Katharine Wade; Deremius Williams

Call to Order and Introductions

Acting Chair Victoria Veltri called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. It was determined there was not yet a quorum.

Public Comment

Sheldon Toubman, a staff attorney with New Haven Legal Assistance and member of the Care Management Committee (CMC) of the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight (MAPOC), spoke about the Community and Clinical Integration Program. He said the CMC did not have an opportunity to meet to discuss the report before it was released. He said the report makes no mention of the Department of Social Services' success with intensive care management and does not include language regarding safety provisions. He also noted it is only required for Medicaid. He recommended delaying implementation of the program and making all the requirements voluntary.

Michaela Fissel spoke about behavioral health. Ms. Fissel is a Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) member, director of advocacy for Advocacy Unlimited, and in recovery for bipolar disorder and substance abuse. She said that behavioral health should be a primary driver in SIM discussions. Her experience is that it is treated as an afterthought. She said equity is about empowering those who have been voiceless. She said the Population Health Council should include a consumer representative with direct behavioral health care experience. Jan VanTassel noted that the Community Health Worker Advisory Committee does include provisions for behavioral health representation. Ms. Fissel also noted that the CAB is sponsoring a listening forum in Bridgeport on March 30 for consumers and providers of behavioral health services. The purpose of the forum is to get feedback on various aspects of the SIM process from those in the behavioral health community.

Review and Approval of Meeting Summary

Motion: to approve the summary of the January 14, 2016 Steering Committee meeting – Victoria Veltri; seconded by Anne Foley.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor.

Population Health Council Charter and Composition

Mario Garcia of the Department of Public Health (DPH) presented the council charter and composition ([see presentation here](#)).

Community and Clinical Integration Program – Update

Dr. Schaefer presented on the draft Community and Clinical Integration Program (CCIP) report ([see draft report here](#)). Frances Padilla asked whether the community health collaborative were different from the population health collaborative and expressed concern about potential overlap between entities. Kate McEvoy spoke about the process between the Practice Transformation Task Force and the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight's Care Management Committee. She acknowledged a number of concerns that have been raised.

Robert McLean said the effort to establish standards for networks was challenging but reasonable. Patricia Baker said that without standards, they won't see action in areas like health equity. She said they should think about a bridge between clinical and community care. Alta Lash noted that PTF repeatedly emphasized commitment to payer agnostic standards. There are many vulnerable people who are not on Medicaid so standards must apply to all populations. Dr. Schaefer noted CCIP arrangements is analogous to NCQA PCMH; when a payer requires a practice to meet NCQA PCMH standards, the standards must be met for anyone who walks in the door. In this way, Medicaid would be driving improvement for Medicaid beneficiaries and all populations.

Community Health Worker Advisory Committee – Presentation of Charter

Bruce Gould presented on updates to the Advisory Committee charter ([see updated charter here](#)).

Motion: to approve the Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Charter – Suzanne Lagarde; seconded by Frances Padilla.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor.

Suzanne Lagarde noted that in the Personnel Subcommittee meeting, there was the recommendation to add an "Other" category. She noted that there was a qualified candidate who did not fit any of the categories but was a good fit for the Advisory Committee.

Motion: to add the additional category of "Other" to the Community Health Worker Advisory Committee composition – Suzanne Lagarde; seconded by Ronald Preston.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor.

Work Stream Updates

This was not discussed due to a lack of time. Dr. Schaefer asked members to look at the work stream update section of the meeting presentation.

Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn – Robert McLean; seconded by Jan VanTassel.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.