

Consumer Advisory Board Recommends regarding Population Health Charter and Membership

We would like to thank Dr. Garcia for taking the time to attend the CAB meeting, providing an over view of the Population Advisory Board charter and membership, and requesting our feedback. The following recommendations represent those areas where additional and/or alternate members should be considered.

1. The CAB is committed to the concept of total person centered health and health care that requires the integration of physical and behavioral health issues and strategies. The SIM also espouses such integration. Therefore, the CAB recommends that behavioral health representation should be added to the membership, especially as it relates to community integration of health and health services.
2. The proposed membership includes a representative of the Connecticut Public Health Association. CPHA does not equal local public health. Much of the population plan involves strategies that occur at the local level, and include, or should include, the local public health agency. The CAB recommends that a local health director, with experience in providing clinical and/or community services should be a member, in lieu of CPHA. Examples of such services may include: immunization programs/services, direct observed therapy for tuberculosis, asthma and diabetes prevention and services, and falls prevention.
3. The Population Health plan should be committed to using, and developing if necessary, innovative data methods and systems to collect and provide the level of information necessary to attain the goals of achieving health equity for all persons and communities throughout the state of Connecticut.