

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
State Innovation Model
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

Meeting Summary
March 10, 2016

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

Members Present: LG Nancy Wyman; Tamim Ahmed; Patricia Baker; Jeffrey G. Beadle; Mary Bradley; Patrick Charmel; Sandra Czunas (for Thomas Woodruff); Anne Foley; Mario Garcia (for Raul Pino); Alta Lash; Courtland Lewis; Kate McEvoy (for Roderick Bremby); Robert McLean; Michael Michaud (for Miriam Delphin-Rittmon); Frances Padilla; Ron Preston (for Bruce Liang); Robin Lamott Sparks; Jan VanTassel; Victoria Veltri; Deremius Williams

Members Absent: Catherine F. Abercrombie; Terry Gerratana; Suzanne Lagarde; Katharine Wade; Michael Williams

Call to Order

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review and Approval of Meeting Summary

Motion: to approve the summary of the February 11, 2016 Steering Committee meeting – Victoria Veltri; seconded by Jan VanTassel.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: All in favor.

Population Health Council Charter and Composition

Dr. Mario Garcia of the Department of Public Health (DPH) presented the Population Health Council charter and composition ([see meeting presentation here](#)). Dr. Garcia said they would like to move forward with the charter and composition due to time considerations within the grant. Jeffrey Beadle provided a brief overview of the Consumer Advisory Board's recommendations regarding the Population Health Council charter and composition ([see recommendations here](#)). Mr. Beadle noted that the Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) will be placing five consumer/advocate positions for the council and will be seeking someone to represent the field of housing and to address homelessness throughout the state. Ms. Veltri asked whether the CAB will be appointing a consumer with experience in the behavioral health. Mr. Beadle said the CAB wants to seek someone in the recovery field.

Motion: to approve the Population Health Council Charter and Composition – Anne Foley; seconded by Vicki Veltri.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: All in favor.

Community Health Worker Advisory Committee - Nominations

Mr. Beadle reported on the Consumer Advisory Board's recommendations for consumer participation on the Community Health Worker Advisory Committee.

Patrick Charmel reported on the Personnel Subcommittee's recommendations for CHW's, providers, and general categories for participation on the Community Health Worker Advisory Committee.

The Steering Committee discussed the role of the CHW Advisory Committee. Mary Bradley expressed concern regarding the self-funded employer role. She said it didn't appear that the candidate employer has HR or benefit responsibilities within an organization. Ms. Bradley questioned the representation for employers on the committee. Dr. Schaefer mentioned that they may not have received many applicants for this particular slot. He said the committee could ask the individual to confer with their human resource benefits manager to support the individual's representation on the council or the committee could approve the presented slate of nominees and re-solicit for an additional employer representative with HR/benefits experience.

LG Wyman asked whether the committee wanted resolicit for an additional position. Dr. McLean said there were situations with one or two applicants in a particular category. He mentioned situations in the past when no one came forward during a solicitation. Dr. McLean said if no one comes forward, they do another solicitation. He said there has to be an end point insight, and if people aren't stepping up, they aren't stepping up. Dr. McLean said adding one more person who brings a clear new perspective is not going to make the room too crowded.

The Steering Committee agreed to resolicit for an additional self-funded employer role for the CHW Advisory Committee. LG Wyman asked whether Mary Bradley could recommend someone, in the human resource area with prospective from the business side, within the next week to not hold up the process. Ms. Bradley agreed. Ms. Veltri asked whether they could use VBID consortium members to help find someone. Dr. Schaefer said the VBID Consortium could be asked to help identify candidates.

Motion: to approve the Consumer Advisory Board and Personnel Subcommittee recommendations for appointment to the Community Health Worker Advisory Committee – Robert Mclean; seconded by Victoria Veltri.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: All in favor.

Logic Model

Faina Dookh presented on the Logic Model ([see Logic Model here](#)). Ms. Lash asked what is meant by mental health days. Ms. Dookh said it is part of the behavioral risk factor surveillance survey (BRFSS). Dr. Garcia noted that the BRFSS is a national survey based on the CDC that CT has used for many years. He said it is a self-reported, telephone based survey that gathers information such as how many days the individual is not feeling emotionally well. Dr. Garcia said the data is accurate because it is reported by the individual that went through the experience although there is some level of subjectivity to it.

Dr. McLean asked about the proof of the quality measures. He mentioned that every one of the measures will have an expense and there are limits to what they can afford to do. He said he has never heard of this measure and is wondering if this is coming out of some little pocket of mental health that isn't really part of the large broad healthcare picture. Dr. Schaefer said the feds are not just focused on healthcare outcomes. He said they are focused on overall population health for the state, which requires different measures and different sources. These measures are not for use in value-based payment. Dr. Schaefer said across the nation, the best available methods are being used to report on statewide healthcare outcomes such as the Connecticut Hospital Association's CHIME data base. He noted that the survey questions are well researched to best capture the information with as few questions as possible. .

Ms. Lash expressed concern regarding racial and ethnic disparities. She suggested very stringent ways of measuring this, otherwise it may be lost in the shuffle. Ms. Lash said she does not want to look 20 years down the road to see that we haven't made any progress. The Steering Committee continued to discuss the quality measures and the prevalence of disease.

Ms. Dookh said that they are going to provide opportunities to provide feedback on the logic model. Dr. Schaefer expressed thanks for all of the feedback from the various councils and to Ms. Dookh for leading the effort to prepare the model.

Work Stream Updates

Jenna Lupi presented on the Work Stream updates. Ms. VanTassel asked whether the pilot was supposed to start in January. Dr. Schaefer said the demo was scheduled for January but was rescheduled for February. He said that contingent upon the successful demo, they will solicit participants to do the pilot. Ms. VanTassel expressed concern about the Health Information Technology Council (HIT) falling behind the anticipated timeframe. She said it is a substantial part of the grant. Ms. VanTassel mentioned that some council meetings have been cancelled and she is wondering whether there is progress.

Mark Raymond, co-chair of the HIT Council, said HIT Council is trying to be clear on the business requirements that they are trying to solve with the technology and it is not sufficiently specified for them. Mr. Raymond said the HIT Council is taking a few steps back to make sure that they are aligning with each of the individual work streams. He said a lot of conversation about the demo is regarding what it is exactly they want to see and the business problem they are trying to solve. Mr. Raymond explained how HIT intersects with the Health Information Exchange (HIE). The next HIT Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2016.

Faina Dookh provided an overview of the America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and CMS led Core Quality Measures Collaborative and their recommended measures. The Committee discussed the measures. Dr. McClean said that the number 15 is geared toward a given practice situation. He said when we are looking at population health, clearly they are going to need 30 across the different specialties. He said the number being looked at is too few and for our purposes 15 is too little. Ms. McEvoy said she wanted to make a friendly amendment. She said that the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) and the national's Medicaid Directors were not involved in the development of this measure set, which is a serious concern.

Dr. Schaefer provided an overview of progress on CCIP and the fourth draft of the report. He said public comment was posted on the website and closed March 2, 2016. Ms. Lash asked whether there will be time for Task Force and the Steering Committee to review the fourth draft report after public comment. She said for the discussion not to come back to the Task Force would be a denial of all the work they have put into this. Ms. McEvoy said they will need to receive the completed CCIP standards soon if they are going to issue the RFP timely. The Committee discussed the deadline and whether to have a webinar for the Steering Committee to review changes before the report and standards are finalized.

Adjournment

Motion: *to adjourn the meeting Patrick Charmel; seconded by Jeffrey Beadle.*

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: *All in favor.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.