

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
State Innovation Model
Consumer Advisory Board Nominees

Population Health Council

Name: Tekisha Everette

Organization: Health Equity Solutions, Inc

Qualifications: I have been involved in health policy for over 16 years. My experience and expertise has centered on Medicaid, SCHIP, and health care reform at the state and federal levels, particularly with an eye toward improving health disparities and improving population health through the creation and reformation of public policy. My professional and academic background makes me an informed consumer advocate with a vested interest in addressing the root causes of health inequity.

I have worked in the areas of diabetes and HIV/AIDS and have used data in both cases to support systemic policy change. An example of this work can be seen in my efforts to get diabetes prevention covered in the ACA and my efforts to then have this covered in Medicare. In both instances I successfully addressed the need for and the importance of focusing on the health of the community as a we seek to inform and change policy as well as cost. It is worth noting the diabetes solution I successfully worked on was one that empowered community based organizations to provide a prevention intervention and therefore bridged the clinical and community gap. I bring a lens of health equity to all of my work on health care policy and advocacy. My general perspective to this work is that we cannot improve the health of any community without focusing on what the drivers of health inequities. Do this we need data, the community and clinical involvement to establish ideal metrics so we can monitor outcomes and improvements over time.

Name: Hyacinth Yennie

Organization: N/A

Qualifications: I am currently the chairperson of the Maple Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization Zoning (NRZ) Group and the Southend Wellness Senior Center. I represent my constituents in regards to quality of life issues not only limited to access to healthcare but also issues involving crime, blight, and education. Through my involvement with both organizations I regularly interact with residents who use various health services. My participation in healthcare reform discussions would be to provide a view point from a grassroots community organizer. I have observed the connection between various quality of life issues and have a unique prospective on how healthcare fits into these issues. In my capacity as a community leader, I have organized many events and worked closely with community members and state and local government officials. One example of such an event is the annual Barry Square Community Day. I bring in representatives from the local health department, area hospitals, Charter Oak Health Center, Red Cross, and fire and

police departments to connect with residents of all ages and educate them on the health services available to them. Additionally, I worked closely with community members and local and state government officials to create the Southend Wellness Senior Center. The senior center was created out of the concerns raised by the members of my NRZ group during one of our monthly community meetings.

Name: Patricia Baker

Organization: Connecticut Health Foundation

Qualifications: I have served as the CEO of Planned Parenthood of CT for 9 Years, CT Director of Medicaid programs Oxford Health Plans for 2 years, National Program Director of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, and now President and CEO of the Connecticut Health Foundation. I have experienced the system as a provider, a payer, an advocate, and a funder as well as my personal and family experience. The mission of the foundation is to improve the health status of CT residents particularly the unserved and underserved through systems change. Our primary focus is Health Equity and we are working to help more people gain access to better care - care that is comprehensive (oral, mental, and physical health) accountable for improved outcomes and quality and affordable - particularly people of color. Presently I am the Chair of State Health Improvement Plan which allows me to effectively bridge this work with SIM's long term transformation objective to achieve improved Population Health and the public health agenda.

Name: Lisa Honigfeld, PhD

Organization: Child Health and Development Institute

Qualifications: Since 2005, I have been employed at the Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI) advocating for improvements in child health at the policy level. I brought twenty years of experience in community child health to this position, having worked for eight years on staff at the American Academy of Pediatrics, eight years in the Department of Pediatrics at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford and four years at ProHealth Physicians. I joined CHDI to work to maximize the contribution of primary care pediatrics to children's health and development. Over the past 11 years I have managed several initiatives designed to expand the capacity of pediatric primary care providers to address behavioral health issues. As a result of this work, planned and implemented in collaboration with the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP), more than 250 pediatric practices have now received some training in behavioral health screening, connecting children to mental health services, trauma recognition, suicide prevention, and working with mental health providers. In addition, several pediatric practices are now co-managing anxiety and depression with psychiatric providers.

Medical home has always been central to my work at CHDI. In addition to authoring several publications related to implementation of medical home in Connecticut, I also have spoken locally and nationally about several aspects of medical home, including care coordination,

quality improvement (QI) and access to care. I have designed, tested and assisted with dissemination of many initiatives aimed at improving efficiency in pediatric care and effectiveness of services for families. One such initiative developed care coordination collaboratives drawing from the several sectors that serve children (child welfare, health, mental health, early intervention, education, Medicaid) as regional hubs to support care coordinators in meeting families' needs. We designed the initiative to help families navigate complex service systems, decrease duplication in service provision, and support cross-sector collaboration in the provision of children's services. The Department of Public Health, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs section, has adopted this model for statewide replication and received federal funding to build an infrastructure to support and sustain the model at the state level. I also have developed a variety of practice quality improvement programs that physicians can use to meet NCQA standards as well as requirements for updating their specialty board certifications. QI programs are related to autism, developmental delays, hearing screening, lead screening and maternal depression.

As expected, my time at CHDI has offered me a variety of opportunities to participate in State policy processes related to pediatric care, including the State Innovation Model (SIM) workgroups. I have championed pediatric issues as an active member of the Medicaid Care Management Committee (formerly the PCMH Committee) and contributed to the Medicaid Quality Improvement Shared Savings Program narrative for inclusion in the upcoming request for proposals. I served on the pediatric workgroup of the SIM Quality Council and diligently identified, modified and provided research to support several approved pediatric measures.

I chaired the Provider Advisory Committee for the CT BHP from its inception in 2006 until 2010. I have served on the DPH Medical Home Advisory Council since 2006 and on the DSS Behavioral Health Screening Work Group since 2012. I also am a member of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant Advisory Committee, led by the United Way and Office of Early Childhood. In terms of very direct advocacy, I am an officer on two family support organizations' Boards of Directors, the Connecticut Family Support Network and Connecticut Hands & Voices. The former supports parents of children with special needs, and the latter supports families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Across all of my professional work, I have advocated for the health, mental health and community support needs of children and families. My work to reform the organization and delivery of health services has happened under the umbrella of building stronger health, mental health and early childhood systems. I bring a wealth of knowledge about child health services and systems of care for children to the SIM Steering Committee with the confidence that the roll out of SIM initiatives can happen within the context of supporting the development of a strong and healthy next generation of citizens in Connecticut. I hope to serve on the Steering Committee as I have been impressed and encouraged by the work thus far to strengthen primary care, design value-based payment models that reflect quality and evidence-based care and outcomes, and better link health and social services.

Name: Garth Graham

Organization: Aetna Foundation

Qualifications: Currently serve as President of the Aetna Foundation along with academic appointment as Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. In my prior roles I have worked as a Director of the Office of Minority Health at the US Department of Health and Human Services where I lead national health disparities efforts. I bring the perspective of leading the Aetna Foundation and also working to improve the lives of minority populations.

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Name: Elizabeth Torres

Organization: Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust

Qualifications: I have over 20 years experience in the housing industry. I am a real estate developer with experience in all aspects of real estate development including site acquisition, feasibility, financing, design, construction and rentup. During my career I have developed more than 300 units of housing in CT leveraging \$60M of public and private financing including low income housing tax credits.