

Connecticut State Innovation Model (SIM) Project

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Good morning. My name is Supriyo B. Chatterjee and I reside in West Hartford Connecticut. My interests are in Health policy economics and information technology. I would like to offer some perspectives pertaining to the SIM project. During 2013, the project received over 80 responses as Public Comments seeking consideration for inclusion. A number of these response documents from minority health organizations had no names associated nor were signed by the respective organization's leadership. While this may show a leadership that lacks ownership or shrugs accountability but it does remain that there's a lack of transparency here which is a paramount requirement in the SIM Project. Moreover, it does exhibit a lapse in the organization's fiduciary duty of loyalty to its entrustors. I leave it your prerogative to assess and remedy the matter.

Recently, Independent advocates have raised concerns about the ethics and conflicts of interest within the SIM project. I do echo these concerns and would also advocate that for health equity growth, a bidding organization's history of performance and results, as shown in their IRS Form 990, Schedule-H, Social Impact statements and Community Benefit Reports be considered in the SIM decision-making process for funding. This would also lay the foundation for a pay-for-value/pay-for-performance in public (population) health development. Moreover, it would also reflect the organization's fiduciary duty of care to its customers.

I thank you for your time and this opportunity.

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