

Connecticut State Innovation Model (SIM) Project
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee & Workgroups
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My name is Supriyo B. Chatterjee and I reside in West Hartford Connecticut. I would like to submit my comments for your consideration. A year ago; between June & August of 2014, a Survey regarding Cultural Competency (CLAS) was administered to subcontractors of Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and members of Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home (CAHH). Medical Homes & Cultural Competency CLAS are part of the SIM core efforts for health equity. This survey project was administered by [CT Multicultural Health Partnership](#) (CTMHP) and was funded by the [US HHS Office of Minority Health](#). It is well expected that the results of the DMHAS/CAHH survey would be of great interest to DMHAS & CAHH organizations' members and also to the CTMHP's 400 partnership members but CTMHP has failed to distribute this CLAS Report along with its Conflict-of-Interest disclosures as per Federal HHS 'Public Health Service' Funding requirements. About 3 months ago, I requested two Cultural Competency CLAS project reports and its Conflict-of-Interest disclosures but they have not complied.

In the matter of compliance and fiduciary obligations - CTMHP along with its fiscal sponsor Easter AHEC have yet to release CTMHP's financial statements to its partnership members even as stated in its [Bylaws](#). In addition, CTMHP partnership members are not invited to [CTMHP Committee](#) meetings nor are any such meeting minutes made available even as stated in the [CTMHP Bylaws](#).

Thank you.

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CT SIM - Practice Transformation Task Force Meeting June 30th (under Public Comment) http://www.healthreform.ct.gov/ohri/lib/ohri/work_groups/practice_transformation/2015-06-30/public_comment_sb_chatterjee_06302015.pdf

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CT SIM - Equity and Access Council Meeting May 28th (under Public Comment) http://www.healthreform.ct.gov/ohri/lib/ohri/work_groups/equity_access/2015_05_28/ctsim-may28.pdf

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