SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AD HOC COMMITTEE)

Minutes of Meeting ***(Final)*** **Date:** January 17, 2023 **Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Participation: John Flanders, Christin Kondash, Tricia Orozco, Ali Mulvihill, Sharon Bremner, Debbie Chameides, Amanda Pickett, Andrea Duarte, Melanie Wilde-Lane, Melanie Bonjour, Ann Gionet, Christine Velasquez, Johanna Davis, Isabel Gonillo, Heidi Wilson (Connie), Bill Roberts (Day Pitney)

Absent: Sherry Linton-Massiah, Lynn Weeks, Judy Kanz, Dr. Robert Dudley, Steve Hernandez, Alice Martinez, Catherine Holt, Dana Robinson-Rush, Yvette Cortez, Jill Holmes Brown

Item	Action	Follow Up
1. Introductions	• Introductions by all participants	
2. Approval of Minutes	• Approved minutes from 10/1/22 (1. John Flanders 2. Amanda Pickett)	
3. CONNIE Presentation	• Guest speakers presented on CONNIE – Heidi Wilson and Bill Roberts. See slides below.	
4. DPH Update	• DPH announced 2 new Deputy Commissioners • CDC SBHC funding for 12 million should be announced soon. Funding will go through 6/30/2024 and be available for medical, mental health, dental expansion or new sites. • 10 million ARPA funding will be available to fund mental health expansion or new sites only with a focus of locations identified in the PA 21-35 Sec. 16 workgroup report.	
5. CASBHC Update	• Offering Lunch and Learns: Pediatric Heart Murmurs (2/15/23). 2 more planned one on Mental Health and looking for topics for the 3rd session. Amanda P. from SDE offered to one on school climate, culture and bulling response. • Annual Conference is on November 7, 2023 – looking for abstracts. • CASBHC fundraising Wine tasting event on 3/15/23 • Awarded 1 million in bond money to purchase/renovate property for a new CASBHC office.	
6. Member Updates	• Committee report will be worked on for submission.	
7. Next Meetings	• April 18, 2023 1:30-3:00 • July 18, 2023 1:30-3:00 Meeting Adjourned	

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Velasquez

Introduction to Connie

Connecticut School Based Health Services Advisory Council

January 17, 2023

Heidi Wilson, Director of HIE Services
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Who is Connie?

Health Information Exchange

Health Information Exchange allows health care professionals and patients to appropriately access and securely share a patient's medical information electronically.

Sharing electronic patient information enables providers to:

- Access and confidentially share patients' vital medical history, no matter where patients are receiving care—specialists' offices, labs, or emergency rooms
- Provide safer, more effective care tailored to patients' unique medical needs

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About Connie

Independent, not-for-profit, neutral and trusted organization authorized by State statute (CGS 17b-59d and 17b-59g) to develop and operate statewide HIE in Connecticut.

Network-of-networks model to enable exchange of clinical information across all health care settings

Statewide leader for adoption of HIE shared services that bring meaningful and sustainable value

Promote trust by establishing common "rules of the road" for guiding governance and operations activities

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Connie's Mission

Mission: To enhance the health and well-being of Connecticut residents through the provision of health information technology services.

Why: These services empower consumers to make effective healthcare decisions and promote patient-centered care. They also improve the quality, safety, and value of healthcare, while reducing the waste and duplication of services.

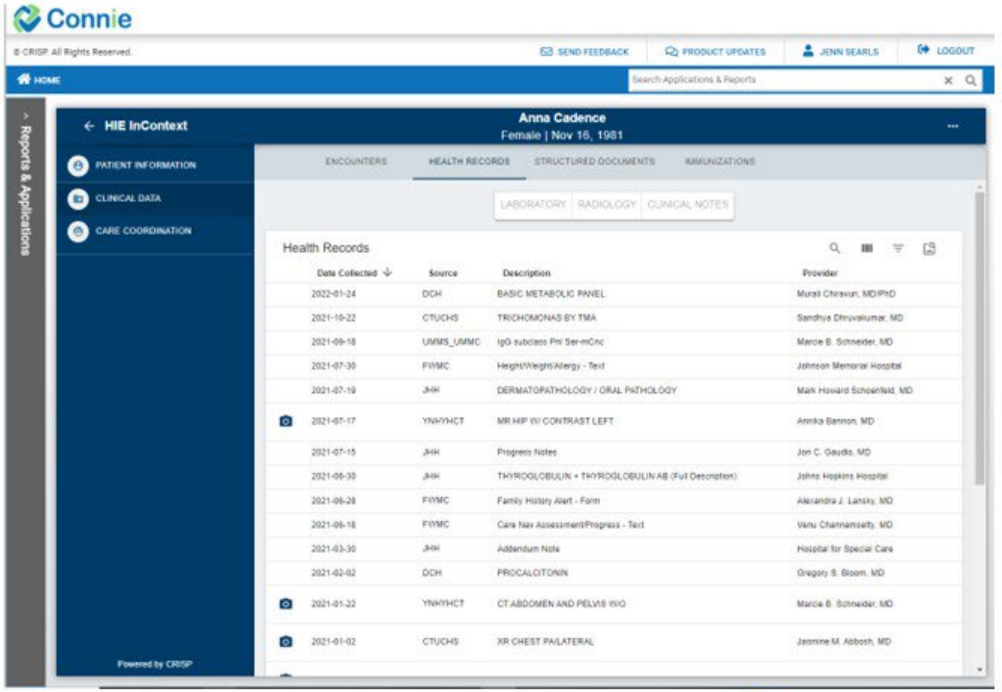
How: Connie will support clinical decision-making, keep patient medical health information confidential and secure, and advance the state's public health goals.

Connie Services

Point of Care Tools

Connie Portal & InContext App

- View patients' clinical records including images
- Determine other members of patients' care team
- Access Narx report as required by CT law
- Best possible medication history
- *InContext App:* SMART on FHIR embedded app for EMRs (Epic, Cerner, eCW, Athena)



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Connie Services & Use Cases

Encounter Notification

- Real-time worklist to help manage patients as they transition among health care settings
- Available as data feed
- Smart alerts *(to be implemented)*
  - Worklists developed based on lab results, discharge dx, risk scores, demographics, etc.

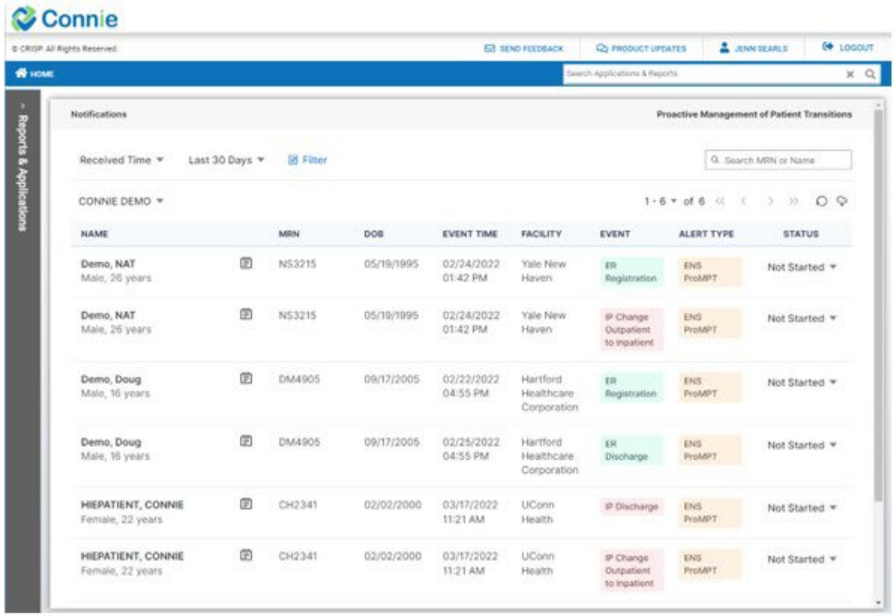

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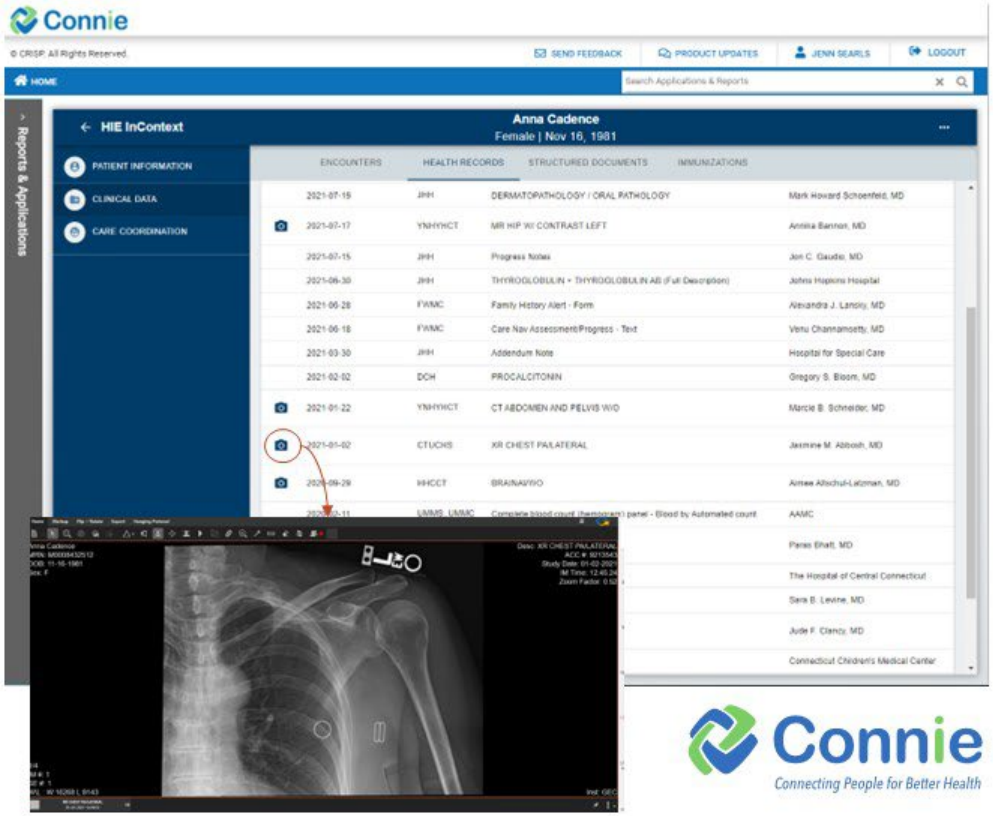
Image Exchange

- Image-enabled results reporting
  - Access images with reports from clinical portal
- HIE-wide patient worklist
  - Compare images across multiple locations
- Transfer-to-PACS
  - Transfer external priors into a local PACS
- Emergent Workflow



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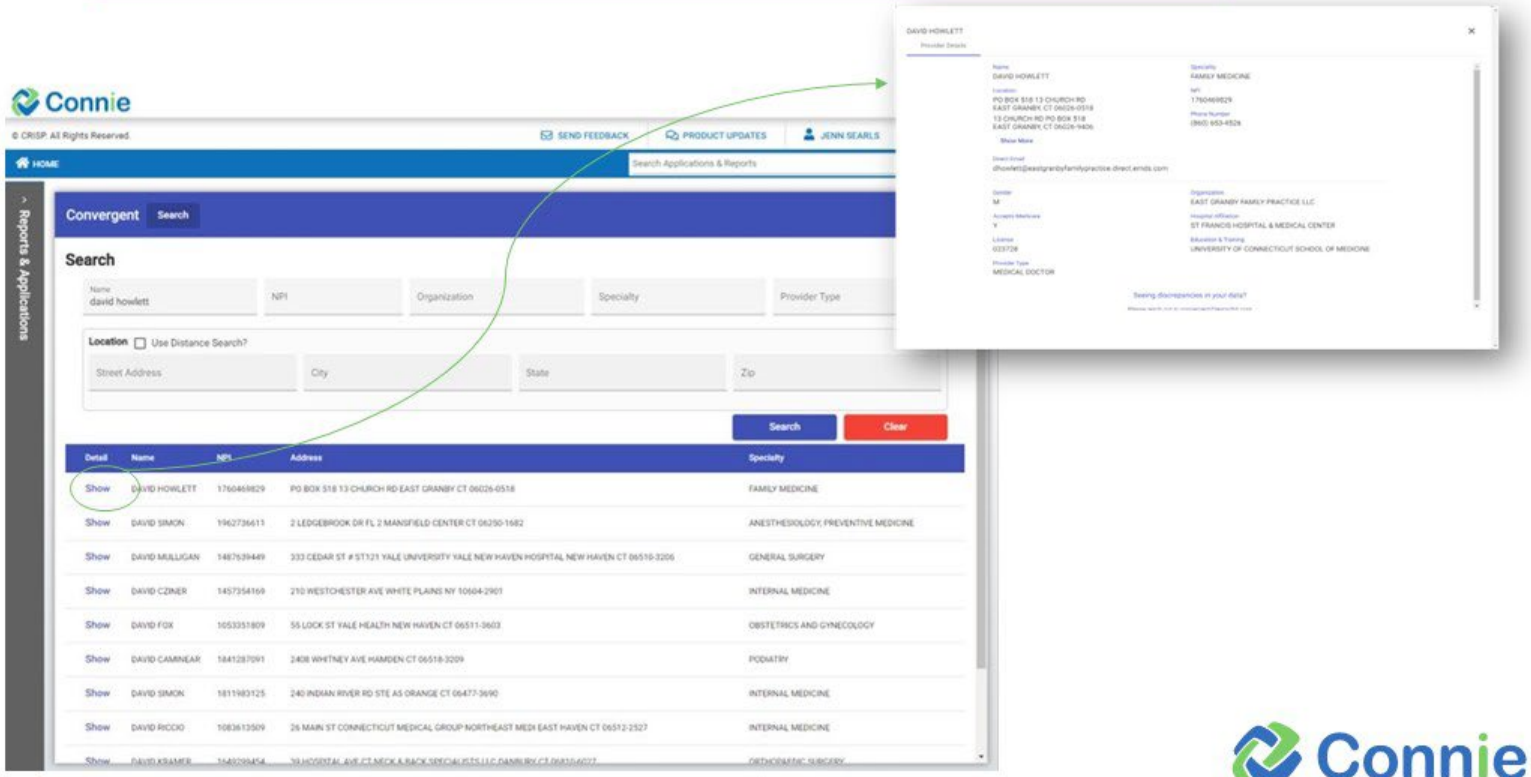
Provider Directory



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Possible School Setting Use Cases

School absenteeism - School Absenteeism has been shown to correlate with general health and well being of a student. Pediatricians have expressed interest in knowing whether their patients have experienced high rates of absenteeism.

Managing Asthma in School – Supporting the sharing of asthma care plans between pediatricians and school-based providers

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How does Connie Protect Patient Data?

1. Apply Federal and State Laws
2. Ensure controlled access
3. Apply Best in Breed Privacy and Security Standards
4. Listen to Stakeholders
5. Implement Policies and Procedures

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Only Authorized Users Have Access

Careful records are kept on any health information accessed through **Connie**.

Authorized Users are associated with an organization that has:

- a legally binding data sharing agreement with Connie that identifies the extensive requirements for privacy, confidentiality and security of the information accessible through Connie.
- signed a Use Case Exhibit, which specifies the permitted purpose under which the data is shared/used.

Any user accessing health information through Connie must:

- have a specific reason to do so, such as providing treatment to the person whose health information they are accessing.

  - OR-

- The patient has consented through (a) their provider; or (b) through participating in a program that includes consent.

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Consent and Privacy

- Default consumer consent policy for the health information exchange is opt-out
- Consumer must proactively and explicitly opt out
  - Exceptions:
    - Sensitive health information including SUD Part 2 data
    - Requires affirmative consent
- Register opt-out decision at conniect.org/opt-out
  - One-time opt out for all providers
  - Can be revoked at any time

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May 3, 2021

Connie is operational

Connie Statute

- Within one year of commencement of operations, hospitals and labs shall apply to begin the process of connecting to and participating in the HIE
- Within two years of commencement of operations, any individual, corporation, facility or institution licensed by the state to provide health care services shall apply to begin the process of connecting to and participating in the HIE
  - Includes primary care and specialty physician practices, pharmacies, and SNFs

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Steps to Connect with Connie

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Let us know you're interested

Submit Commit to Connect form to Connie through info@conniect.org.

Submitting this form kicks off the connection process and assigns an account manager to your organization.

Let's make it official

Execute the legal documents.

Review and sign the necessary legal documents including the trusted data sharing agreement and applicable use case exhibits.

Let's discuss data

Determine what data you will contribute and/or access based on your eligibility, data interests, and viewing preferences.

Work with your account manager and Connie's technical team to complete technical onboarding activities and training.
(Approximately 2 months)

You're connected!

Share the news internally and externally.

Use the training guides and communications toolkit as resources to get your organization started and let stakeholders know your organization participates in the state-wide health information exchange.
(Approximately 2 months)

Keep in touch!

Let us know how you are doing and how else we can help you.

We are here to help and we have lots of new services planned! We will keep you informed and would love to hear from you about your data needs at any time.

Connie Participating Organizations

Health Systems

Yale NewHaven Health

Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc.

Hartford HealthCare

Nuvance Health

Connecticut Children's

Griffin Health

UConn Health

Bristol Health

Day Kimball Healthcare

Medicaid ASOs

Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc.

BeneCare Dental Plans

beacon health options

DMHAS Facilities

- Capitol Region Mental Health Center
- Connecticut Mental Health Center
- River Valley Services
- Southeastern Mental Health Authority
- Southwest CT Mental Health System
- Western CT Mental Health Network

BH Providers

- Advanced Behavioral Health
- BHCare
- Bridges Healthcare
- Community Health Resources
- Community Mental Health Affiliates
- Sound Community Services
- United Services
- Wellmore Behavioral Health

IPAs/CINs

SoNE Health

CMG Community Medical Group

HIEs

CT HealthLink

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Other

Community Health Center Association of Connecticut

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Indp Practices

- 143 Ambulatory Practices
- 13 Long-term/Post Acute
- 5 Radiology Centers
- 1 Urgent Care

FQHCs

- First Choice Health Center
- OPTIMUS Health Care
- Southwest Community Health Ctr
- Wheeler Clinic

Medical Practices

ProHealth Physicians

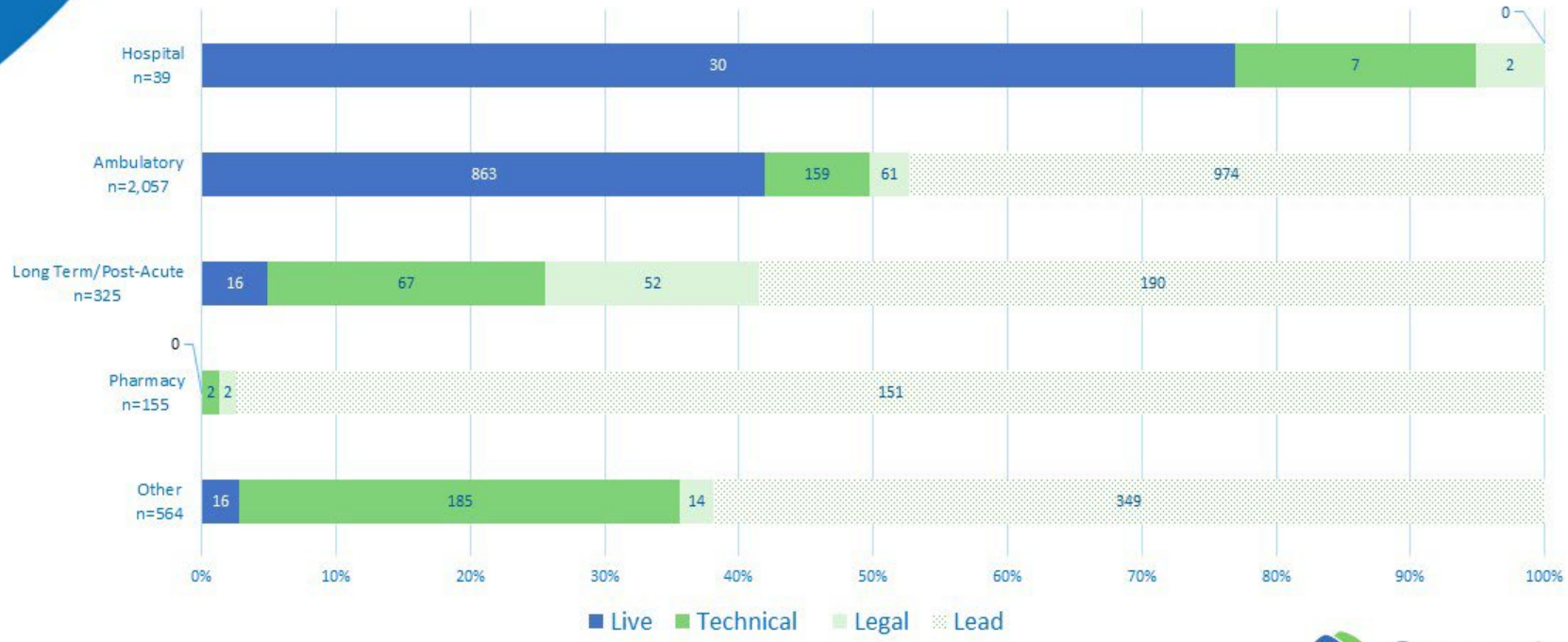
Connected Organizations | Connected EMRs | Connect With Connie

Connie Dashboard: Who's Connected and What They're Sharing

Facility	Parent	Panel	ADT	CCD	Lab	Trans	Rad	Images
Baker Pediatrics		●	●	●				
Bay Street Pediatrics		●						
Bidwell Care Center, LLC dba Touchpoints At Manchester			●					
Black Rock Pediatrics		●	●	●	●			
Bloomfield Foot Specialists, LLC		●			●			
Bridgeport Family Medicine LLC		●	●	●	●			
Bridgeport Hospital	Yale New Haven Health	●	●	●	●			
Bridges Healthcare		●						
Bristol Health		●	●	●	●	●	●	📷
Broadway Medical Group, LLC		●			●			
Brookview Corporation dba West Hartford Health & Rehabilitation Center			●					
Bruce S. Chozick, MD, PC		●			●			
Campbell Medical Services, LLC		●			●			
Candlewood Valley Pediatrics		●	●	●				
Canterbury Pediatrics		●	●	●	●			
Center for Pediatric Medicine		●	●	●	●			

https://conniect.org/connected-organizations/

Onboarding Progress by Org Type



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Questions?