

**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 |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>1. Introductions</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions by all participants</li> </ul>   |           |
| <b>2. Approval of Minutes</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved minutes from 10/1/22 (1. John Flanders 2. Amanda Pickett)</li> </ul>  |           |
| <b>3. CONNIE Presentation</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest speakers presented on CONNIE – Heidi Wilson and Bill Roberts. See slides below.</li> </ul>   |           |
| <b>4. DPH Update</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPH announced 2 new Deputy Commissioners</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>   |           |
| <b>5. CASBHC Update</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offering Lunch and Learns: Pediatric Heart Murmurs (2/15/23). 2 more planned one on Mental Health and looking for topics for the 3<sup>rd</sup> session. Amanda P. from SDE offered to one on school climate, culture and bullying response.</li> <li>• Annual Conference is on November 7, 2023 – looking for abstracts.</li> <li>• CASBHC fundraising Wine tasting event on 3/15/23</li> <li>• Awarded 1 million in bond money to purchase/renovate property for a new CASBHC office.</li> </ul> |           |
| <b>6. Member Updates</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee report will be worked on for submission.</li> </ul>  |           |
| <b>7. Next Meetings</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 18, 2023 1:30-3:00</li> <li>• July 18, 2023 1:30-3:00</li> </ul> <p>Meeting Adjourned</p>  |           |

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

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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



## About Connie

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*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

## Connie's Mission

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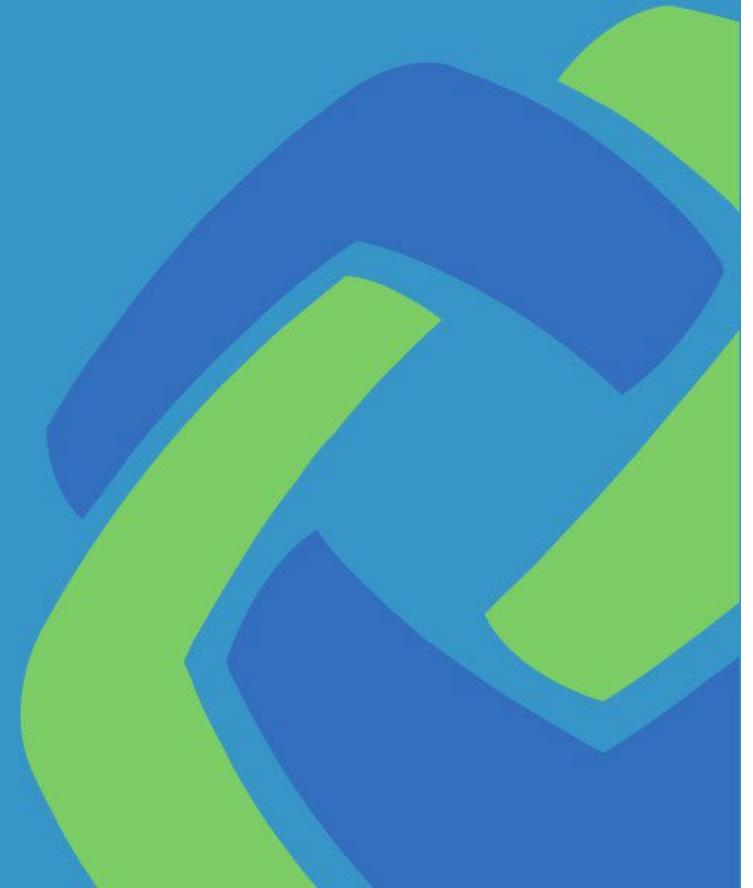
**Mission:** To enhance the health and well-being of Connecticut residents through the provision of health information technology services.

**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)

The screenshot displays the Connie Portal InContext app interface. The top navigation bar includes the Connie logo, a search bar, and user information (JENN SEARLS). The main content area is titled "HIE InContext" and shows patient information for Anna Cadence (Female | Nov 16, 1981). The interface is divided into sections: PATIENT INFORMATION, CLINICAL DATA, and CARE COORDINATION. The "HEALTH RECORDS" section is active, displaying a table of health records with columns for Date Collected, Source, Description, and Provider.

| Date Collected | Source    | Description   | Provider                   |
|----------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|
| 2022-01-24     | DCH       | BASIC METABOLIC PANEL                               | Murali Chiravan, MD/PHD    |
| 2021-10-22     | CTUCHS    | TRICHOMONAS BY TMA                                  | Sandhya Chrysalumar, MD    |
| 2021-09-18     | UMMS_UMMC | IgG subclass Pnl Ser-mCnc                           | Marcie B. Schneider, MD    |
| 2021-07-30     | FYMC      | HepH/WegH/Alery - Test                              | Johnson Memorial Hospital  |
| 2021-07-19     | JRH       | DERMATOPATHOLOGY / ORAL PATHOLOGY                   | Mark Howard Schoenfeld, MD |
| 2021-07-17     | YNHYCT    | MR HP W/ CONTRAST LEFT                              | Amika Benson, MD           |
| 2021-07-15     | JRH       | Progress Notes                                      | Jon C. Gaudin, MD          |
| 2021-06-30     | JRH       | THYROGLOBULIN + THYROGLOBULIN AB (Full Description) | Johns Hopkins Hospital     |
| 2021-06-28     | FYMC      | Family History Alert - Fam                          | Alexandra J. Lansky, MD    |
| 2021-06-18     | FYMC      | Care Nav Assessment/Progress - Test                 | Vanu Channamsetty, MD      |
| 2021-03-30     | JRH       | Abdomen Note  | Hospital for Special Care  |
| 2021-03-02     | DCH       | PROCALDTONIN  | Gregory S. Bloom, MD       |
| 2021-01-23     | YNHYCT    | CT ABDOMEN AND PELVIS W/O                           | Marcie B. Schneider, MD    |
| 2021-01-02     | CTUCHS    | XR CHEST PALATERAL                                  | Jessamine M. Abbosh, MD    |



# 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.

The screenshot shows the Connie web application interface. The top navigation bar includes the Connie logo, copyright information, and links for SEND FEEDBACK, PRODUCT UPDATES, JENN DEARLS, and LOGOUT. Below the navigation bar is a search bar for Applications & Reports. The main content area is titled "Notifications" and "Proactive Management of Patient Transitions". It features a table with columns for NAME, MRN, DOB, EVENT TIME, FACILITY, EVENT, ALERT TYPE, and STATUS. The table displays several rows of patient data, including "Demo, NAT" and "HIEPATIENT, CONNIE".

| NAME                                   | MRN    | DOB        | EVENT TIME             | FACILITY                        | EVENT                             | ALERT TYPE | STATUS      |
|--|--------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Demo, NAT<br>Male, 26 years            | NS3215 | 05/19/1995 | 02/24/2022<br>01:42 PM | Yale New Haven                  | ER Registration                   | ENS ProMPT | Not Started |
| Demo, NAT<br>Male, 26 years            | NS3215 | 05/19/1995 | 02/24/2022<br>01:42 PM | Yale New Haven                  | IP Change Outpatient to inpatient | ENS ProMPT | Not Started |
| Demo, Doug<br>Male, 16 years           | DM4905 | 09/17/2005 | 02/22/2022<br>04:55 PM | Hartford Healthcare Corporation | ER Registration                   | ENS ProMPT | Not Started |
| Demo, Doug<br>Male, 16 years           | DM4905 | 09/17/2005 | 02/25/2022<br>04:55 PM | Hartford Healthcare Corporation | ER Discharge                      | ENS ProMPT | Not Started |
| HIEPATIENT, CONNIE<br>Female, 22 years | CH2341 | 02/02/2000 | 03/17/2022<br>11:21 AM | UConn Health                    | IP Discharge                      | ENS ProMPT | Not Started |
| HIEPATIENT, CONNIE<br>Female, 22 years | CH2341 | 02/02/2000 | 03/17/2022<br>11:21 AM | UConn Health                    | IP Change Outpatient to inpatient | ENS ProMPT | Not Started |



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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

The screenshot displays the Connie clinical portal interface. At the top, the 'Connie' logo and navigation links like 'SEND FEEDBACK', 'PRODUCT UPDATES', 'JENN SEARLS', and 'LOGOUT' are visible. The main content area is titled 'HIE InContext' and shows a patient profile for 'Anna Cadence, Female | Nov 16, 1981'. A table lists various medical encounters, including 'DERMATOPATHOLOGY / ORAL PATHOLOGY', 'MR HIP W/ CONTRAST LEFT', and 'XR CHEST PALATERAL'. A red circle highlights the 'XR CHEST PALATERAL' entry, which is linked to a chest X-ray image displayed in a viewer window at the bottom. The X-ray image shows a frontal view of the chest and upper abdomen. The Connie logo and tagline 'Connecting People for Better Health' are located in the bottom right corner.



# Provider Directory

Connie  
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SEND FEEDBACK PRODUCT UPDATES JENN SEARLS

HOME Search Applications & Reports

Convergent Search

Search

Name: david howlett NPI: Organization: Specialty: Provider Type:

Location  Use Distance Search?  
Street Address: City: State: Zip:

Search Clear

| Detail | Name           | NPI        | Address  | Specialty                          |
|--------|----------------|------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Show   | DAVID HOWLETT  | 176046829  | PO BOX 518 13 CHURCH RD EAST GRANBY CT 06024-0518                                    | FAMILY MEDICINE                    |
| Show   | DAVID SIMON    | 196273611  | 2 LEDGEBROOK DR FL 2 MANSFIELD CENTER CT 06250-1682                                  | ANESTHESIOLOGY PREVENTIVE MEDICINE |
| Show   | DAVID MULLIGAN | 148759449  | 333 CEDAR ST # ST121 YALE UNIVERSITY YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL NEW HAVEN CT 06510-3205 | GENERAL SURGERY                    |
| Show   | DAVID CZNER    | 1457354169 | 210 WESTCHESTER AVE WHITE PLAINS NY 10604-2901                                       | INTERNAL MEDICINE                  |
| Show   | DAVID FOX      | 1053351809 | 55 LOCK ST YALE HEALTH NEW HAVEN CT 06511-3603                                       | OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY          |
| Show   | DAVID CAMMLEAR | 1841287091 | 2408 WHITNEY AVE HAMDEN CT 06518-3209  | POBNAITY                           |
| Show   | DAVID SIMON    | 1811983125 | 240 INDIAN RIVER RD STE A5 ORANGE CT 06477-3690                                      | INTERNAL MEDICINE                  |
| Show   | DAVID RICCO    | 1083613509 | 26 MAIN ST CONNECTICUT MEDICAL GROUP NORTHEAST MESH EAST HAVEN CT 06512-2527         | INTERNAL MEDICINE                  |
| Show   | DAVID KRAMER   | 154309454  | 30 HOSPITAL AVE CT MECK & BACK SPECIALISTS LLC DANBURY CT 06833-6277                 | ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY                 |

DAVID HOWLETT  
Provider Details

Name: DAVID HOWLETT  
Specialty: FAMILY MEDICINE  
NPI: 176046829  
Location: PO BOX 518 13 CHURCH RD EAST GRANBY CT 06024-0518  
Phone Number: (860) 450-4524  
Fax Number: (860) 450-4524

Share Email: dhowlett@eastgranbyfamilypractice-direct.ama-assn.org

Gender: M  
Organization: EAST GRANBY FAMILY PRACTICE LLC  
Medical Education: ST FRANCIS HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER  
Education & Training: UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
Provider Type: MEDICAL DOCTOR

Seeing Recommendations in your area?



## 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



## 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



# 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.



## Consent and Privacy

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- 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 [connieconnect.org/opt-out](https://connieconnect.org/opt-out)
  - One-time opt out for all providers
  - Can be revoked at any time



**May 3, 2021**

**Connie is operational**





## Connie Statute

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- 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

# Steps to Connect with Connie



## Let us know you're interested

Submit Commit to Connect form to Connie through [info@connieconnect.org](mailto:info@connieconnect.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.

Nuvance  
Health

Hartford  
HealthCare



Connecticut  
Children's

GRIFFIN HEALTH

UCONN  
HEALTH

Bristol Health

DKH 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

## Other

Community Health Center  
Association of Connecticut  
signifyhealth.

## IPAs/CINs

SONE  
HEALTH  
cmg  
COMMUNITY  
MEDICAL GROUP

## HIEs

CT  
HealthLink  
Connecting for Better Care

## 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



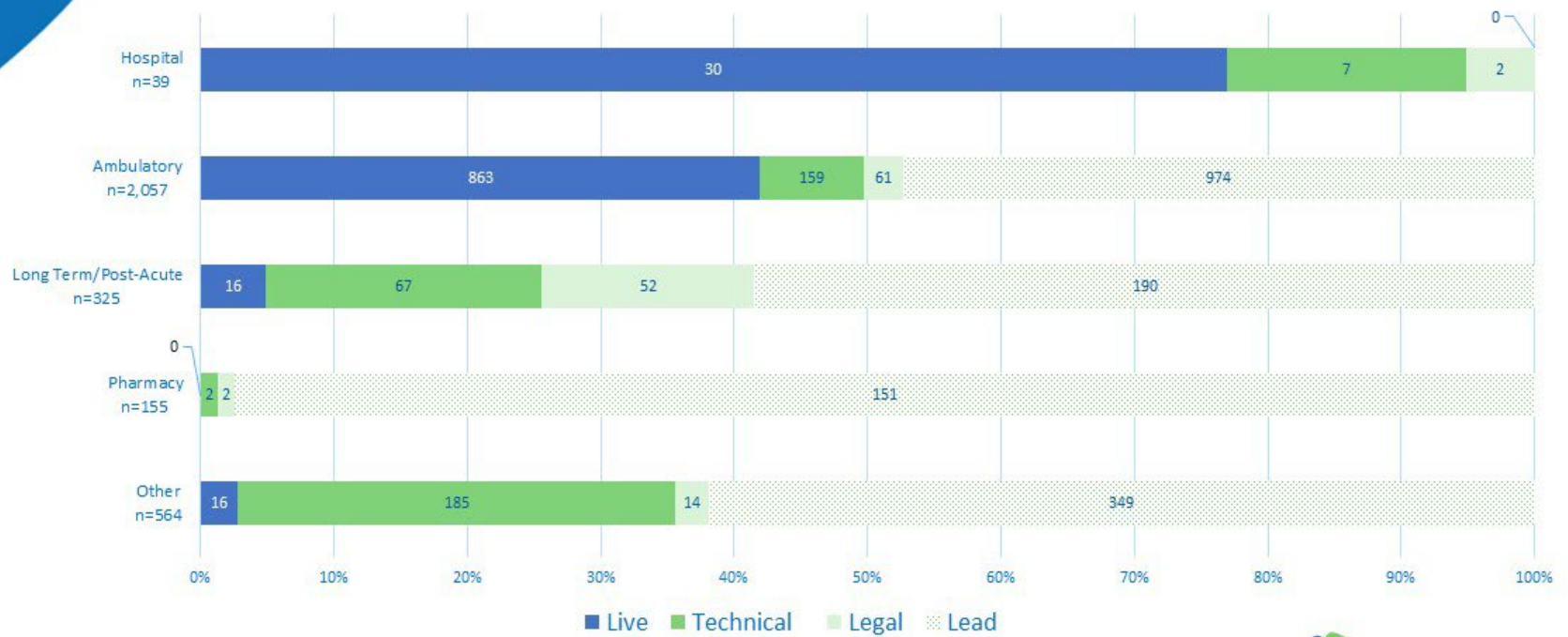
### Connie Dashboard: Who's Connected and What They're Sharing

| Facility   | Parent                | Panel | ADT | CCD | Lab | Trans | Rad | Images |
|--|-----------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|--------|
| Daker 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



Questions?

