

Health Information Technology Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
October 21, 2021	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Council Members					
Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)	X	Ted Doolittle, OHA	X	Lisa Stump	X
Victoria Veltri, Interim OHS HITO (Co-Chair)	X	Stacy Beck		Patrick Charmel	
Joe Stanford, DSS		Robert Rioux		Alan Kaye, MD	X
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS	X	David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn	X
Cindy Butterfield, DCF	X	Nicolangelo Scibelli		Cassandra Murphy	
Sharonda Carlos, DOC		Patricia Checko	X	Chuck Podesta	
Vanessa Hinton, DPH		Kimberly Martone, OHS	X	Ken Ferrucci	
Dennis C. Mitchell, DDS	X	William Petit, MD	X	Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin	X
Mark Raymond, CIO	X	Jeanette DeJesus		Dr. Susan Israel	X
Sandra Czunas, OSC	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT		Mark Gildea (HHC Health/ Speaker Ritter's designee)	X
Supporting Leadership					
Jessica Guite, OHS	X	Terry Bequette, CedarBridge	X	Tom Agresta, MD, UConn Health	
Carol Robinson, CedarBridge	X	Kassi Miller, CedarBridge		Vatsala Pathy, CedarBridge	X

Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Dr. Joe Quaranta (Co-Chair)	1:00 PM
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the Health Information Technology Advisory Council was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, by webinar. Dr. Quaranta welcomed council members and called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:02 PM
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Review and Approval of Minutes September 23, 2021	Council Members	1:05 PM
	The review and approval of the meeting minutes was postponed to later in the meeting.		
4.	Health Information Exchange (HIE) Sustainability	Terry Bequette, CedarBridge Group	1:10 PM
	Terry Bequette, of CedarBridge Group, presented on the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Sustainability (see presentation here). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights of the presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A major goal for Connecticut is sustained permanence of Connie's HIE Services ▪ A review of sustainability of HIE services from a national perspective ▪ An overview of changes in the Health IT and HIE infrastructure. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Background, history, and status information of HIE was provided. ▪ An overview of operational and financially viable HIE's over time. ▪ Factors and examples of changes in the HIE Ecosystem that may influence strategy ▪ Networks were identified for consideration for sustainability in the landscape ▪ A key recommendation is to leverage the fact of state designated entity status ▪ A review of information from the July and September meeting presentations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council discussed the timeline. A question was raised regarding monitoring and sharing participation in the value-based payment models and whether there's something in the recommendation set for strategies in getting to this at a defined time. It was mentioned that the timeline says to support providers' participation in value-based payment models but at some point, there needs to be sign-on commitment for a specific period. It was noted that there will be discussions with Connie in terms of the sustainability pathway. Connie should help encourage the development of value-based payment arrangements. All entities are not ACO based, some of them may be primary care entities entering arrangements. It was mentioned there will need to be proactive sharing with Connie of what is being seen in the market to make those relationships thrive for purposes of Connie participation. Also, there are discussions with Connie about use cases around eCQM to help support the value-based payment arrangements and incentivize them. • A concern was raised regarding patient data being available. It was mentioned that people have more access to their data but may receive it in ways that are not easy to navigate and could be confusing based on the number of places they can go. It was mentioned that it is a common problem for individuals to have to go to different places for their patient information. A question was raised on whether the work of the exchange and a sustainability path could help rationalize some of this to bring a different point of view together around patients' data. It was noted that Connie has a provider portal solution that is being worked on and there could be a patient portal solution. Connie could end up with probably more data on more patients and the patient portal solution would become a good source of information for individuals to be able to tap into their information in one place. <p>Dr. Quaranta thanked Mr. Bequette for the presentation. Additional discussions ensued, for more information on this presentation, please see the link below. https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/HealthIT_Meeting_Recording_10212021.mp4</p>	
3.	Review and Approval of Minutes September 23 2021	Council Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this time, member attendance was taken by roll call. It was determined that a quorum had been established. • Dr. Quaranta asked for a motion to approve the September 23, 2021, Health IT Advisory Council meeting minutes. Mark Raymond created the motion. Victoria Veltri seconded. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved. 	
5.	Connie: Update on FY21 and Planning for FY22	Jennifer Searls, Executive Director, Connie
		1:40 PM

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	<p>Jenn Searls, of Connie, provided the Connie update on FY21 and planning for FY22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights of the presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Connie 2021 timeline ▪ An overview of the Technical Assistance Program. ▪ Connie’s current state of connectivity, including data type and organizations. ▪ The goals and planning for the 2022 year was provided. ▪ Connie and HITAC – Feedback on needs to enhance the needs of mission, the community, and neighbors. Identifying and helping with various barriers. • The Council discussed the presentation. A question was raised regarding stakeholder engagement and the metrics that would help to understand the value being realized by various stakeholders. There was a question about how to know if they are successful. It was noted that some of the success will be seen when there is an impact on the care of patients, when there is an impact on total cost of care, and when they see some data results in Connie. A step will be when people are accessing the portal on Connie to obtain data, and this will help with the bigger picture of lowering the total cost of care such as lowering and reducing duplicative testing. <p>Dr. Quaranta thanked Ms. Searls for the presentation. Additional discussions ensued, for more information on this presentation, please see the link below. https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/HealthIT_Meeting_Recording_10212021.mp4</p>		
6.	Federal Policy Update	Carol Robinson, CEO, CedarBridge Group	2:00 PM
	<p>Carol Robinson of the CedarBridge Group presented the Federal Policy update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights of the presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An overview of Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA) ▪ The main four sections of ISA, how it is organized and structured ▪ United States core data for interoperability ▪ Applicable standards for allergies and intolerance ▪ Applicable standards for patient demographics • There was no discussion on the presentation. Feedback may be provided to the CedarBridge Group. <p>Dr. Quaranta thanked Ms. Robinson for the presentation. For more information on this presentation, please see the link below. https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/HealthIT_Meeting_Recording_10212021.mp4</p>		
7.	Announcements & General Discussion	Dr. Joe Quaranta, Council Members	2:20 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Quaranta opened the floor for announcements and general discussion. There was no additional announcements or discussion. 		
8.	Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment	Dr. Joe Quaranta	2:30 PM

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Upcoming Meeting Dates: November 18, 2021, December 16, 2021

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-IT-Advisory-Council>

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