

Health Information Technology Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
Jul 20, 2017	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Webinar

Participant Name and Attendance

Council Members					
Victoria Veltri, (LGO)	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT	X	Jeannette DeJesus	
Allan Hackney, HITO	X	Mark Schaefer, SIM		Lisa Stump	X
Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)	X	Robert Darby, UCHC		Jake Star	X
Roderick Bremby, DSS	X	Ted Doolittle, OHA	X	Patrick Charmel	X
Michael Michaud, DMHAS	X	Kathleen DeMatteo	X	Alan Kaye, MD	X
Cindy Butterfield, DCF	X	David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn	
Cheryl Cepelak, DOC	X	Nicolangelo Scibelli		Jennifer Macierowski	
Vanessa Kapral, DPH	X	Patricia Checko	X	Prasad Srinivasan, MD	
Dennis C. Mitchell, DDS	X	Robert Tessier			
Mark Raymond, CIO	X	Robert Rioux			
Supporting Leadership					
Sarju Shah, HIT PMO	X	Carol Robinson, CedarBridge	X	Christina Coughlin, CedarBridge	X
Faina Dookh, SIM PMO	X	Michael Matthews, CedarBridge	X	Chris Robinson, CedarBridge	X
Kelsey Lawlor, HIT PMO	X				
To Be Appointed					
<i>Representative of the Connecticut State Medical Society (President Pro Tempore of Senate)</i>					
<i>Health care consumer or a health care consumer advocate (Speaker of the House)</i>					
<i>Physician who provides services in a multispecialty group and who is not employed by a hospital (Majority Leader of House of Rep.)</i>					
<i>Speaker of the House of Representatives or designee</i>					

Meeting Schedule 2017 Dates –Jul. 20, Aug. 17

Meeting Information is located at: <http://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Lt-Governor/Health-IT-Advisory-Council>

	Agenda	Responsible Person
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Sarju Shah
	Call to Order: The seventh regular meeting of the Health IT Advisory Council for 2017 was held on July 20 th via webinar. The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.	
2.	Public Comment	Attendees
	There was no public comment.	
3.	Review and Approval of the May 18, 2017 Minutes	Council Members
	The motion was made by Mark Raymond and seconded by Patricia Checko to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting with Alan Kaye’s corrections. Motion carried.	
4.	Updates	Sarju Shah
	Welcome New Staff Kelsey Lawlor recently joined the HIT PMO to work on communications and outreach.	
	Review of Previous Action Items There were no action items to review.	
	August Council Meeting The next council meeting will be held virtually and the information will be shared shortly.	
5.	Health IT Community Stakeholder Roundtables Update	Kelsey Lawlor
	The HIT PMO conducted a six-part series of community stakeholder roundtable events to build on the momentum created by the previous stakeholder engagement discussions. There were three main objectives of the roundtables: report on the findings and action plans to stakeholders, gather feedback about these findings and plans, and discern how best to work together as a community. The meetings were held the week of July 17 th in Stamford, Middletown, Danbury, North Haven, Farmington, and Norwich. Council Members Jake Star, Kathy DeMatteo, Lisa Stump, and Dina Berlyn attended. Design Group members Michael Hunt and Stacey Beck also attended. State Representative Jonathan Steinberg attended the event in North Haven, and Representative William Petit attended the Farmington event.	

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	<p>Mr. Star noted that attendees expected HIT initiatives to be further along in the process. Patient portals remaining an overwhelming issue for providers and patients. More education and outreach is needed regarding the timeline of each initiative.</p> <p>Allan Hackney noted there was discussion of interoperability with the Veterans Administration, the need for local health departments to access EHR systems, and the overarching issue of political will and sustainability for HIT. Lisa Stump emphasized the issue of program sustainability and noted that she observed a sense of community between the individuals who attended the events and that people want to work together to improve HIT.</p>	
6.	Update of Immunization Information Systems (IIS) Design Group	Christina Coughlin/Carol Robinson
	<p>Carol Robinson and Christina Coughlin of the CedarBridge Group gave an update on IIS Design Group activities</p> <p>Ms. Robinson noted that they held the design group’s third session earlier in the day. They are currently working on a high-level implementation timeline. The Department of Public Health (DPH) provided an update on SERTS, value propositions, and CDC standards and directives.</p> <p>Ms. Coughlin stated that Thomas Agresta has heard from a number of individuals who want to be involved – notably local health departments. The Design Group is currently working through timeline with DPH. Ms. Coughlin clarified that the Design Group will give their thoughts on how the implementation timeline should be structured, what the top implementation priorities should be, and emphasized the importance of educating providers on how to use the services. Dr. Agresta added that he is encouraged by the breadth of what the Design Group is hoping to accomplish with the Immunization registry.</p> <p>Ms. Coughlin said that because Connecticut does not meet the CDC’s immunization registry standards, the Design Group is looking to join a consortium of registries with other states. Ms. Stump asked if this consortium includes New York state and if it will be bi-directional. Ms. Coughlin said that she is not sure about New York’s membership but noted they have discussed interoperability with New York. She was not sure what stage DPH was at in regards to vendor selection and how that pertains to bi-directionality. Vanessa Kapral provided an update on DPH activities. DPH has received permission from the Department of Administrative Services to select a CDC-recommended vendor with an existing General Services Administration contract.</p>	
7.	Update on HIE Design Group	Michael Matthews
	<p>Michael Matthews provided an update on the Design Group’s activities. Three sessions of the Design Group have been completed, and members are currently going through a review of all use-cases – reviewing six to seven use-cases per meeting. He emphasized that a Health Information Exchange (HIE) is not an end in and of itself, but a means to an end. Mr. Matthews shared a number of examples of the kinds of use-cases the Group is looking at, out of approximately 30 on the list. He said that the aim of the Design Group is to show that once a use-case is endorsed by the Council, they will move quickly to implementation. They are not trying to duplicate, but rather leverage, existing infrastructure. Dr. Kaye said that the successful implementation of longitudinal health records was paramount and would impact the feasibility of all other use-cases.</p> <p>Michael Matthews stated that the Design Group agrees, and explained that many of the use-cases are interrelated, such as care coordination. He said it could be helpful to think of some use-cases in clusters based on similarities and correlation. He also noted that the importance of social determinants of health came up repeatedly during Roundtables. He asked how use-cases could engage community-based organizations’ use of data, for example the homeless registry in CT. Mr. Matthews then provided an example of a use-case template and the review process. The goal is to select three to five use cases for the first wave of implementation.</p> <p>Mark Raymond thanked Mr. Matthews for the update and noted that the Design Group seems engaged and is making good progress so far. Mr. Matthews also noted that the Design Group is getting subject matter expertise from outside the membership of the group.</p>	
8.	Update on Current and Planned Activities	Allan Hackney, HITO
	<p>Mr. Hackney provided an update on the Entity Planning process. His team is looking into the type of entity that would work best to house the operating capabilities that emerge from the design groups. He is working with Bruce Adams, general counsel to Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, to examine potential options. Thus far, they have narrowed the options down to a not-for-profit but there are different ways that can take shape. The goal is to stand up the entity by the 4th calendar quarter. He said he should be able to provide more specific information at the August Council meeting. Additionally, he plans to propose governance structure ideas at that meeting as well.</p>	

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9.	Wrap Up and Next Steps	Sarju Shah
	<p>Ms. Shah reminded attendees that the August 17, 2017 meeting would be held virtually. There is a possibility that the September meeting will be extended and a Doodle poll will be sent to determine the feasibility of that. She shared the HIT PMO's contact information, including the HIT PMO's new general email address: hito@ct.gov. There were no further comments.</p> <p>The motion as made by Michael Michaud and seconded by Vanessa Kapral to close the meeting at 1:49 p.m. Motion carried.</p>	

Action Items	Responsible Party	Follow-up Date
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