

Health Information Technology Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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

Council Members					
Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)	X	Stacy Beck	X	Patrick Charmel	X
Joe Stanford, DSS	X	Robert Rioux		Alan Kaye, MD	X
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS		David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn	X
Cindy Butterfield, DCF	X	Nicolangelo Scibelli	X	Tekisha Everette	X
Sharonda Carlos, DOC		Patricia Checko	X	Cassandra Murphy	X
Vanessa Hinton, DPH	X	Kimberly Martone, OHS	X	Chuck Podesta	X
Dennis C. Mitchell, DDS	X	William Petit, MD	X	Ken Ferrucci	
Mark Raymond, CIO	X	Jeanette DeJesus	X	Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin	X
Sandra Czunas, OSC	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT		Dr. Susan Israel	X
Ted Doolittle, OHA	X	Lisa Stump			
Supporting Leadership					
Victoria Veltri, OHS		Alan Fontes, UCONN AIMS	X	Carol Robinson, CedarBridge	X
Sean Fogarty, OHS	X	Tom Agresta, MD, UConn Health	X	Terry Bequette, CedarBridge	X
Adrian Texidor, OHS	X	Dawn Bonder, CedarBridge		Craig Jones, CedarBridge	
Tina Kumar, OHS	X	Kassi Miller, CedarBridge		Brenda Shipley, OHS	X

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome & Call to Order	Dr. Joe Quaranta	1:00 PM
	Dr. Joseph Quaranta welcomed the council members and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Attendance was taken by roll call. It was determined that a quorum was present.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:05 PM
	Dr. Charles Wira, from Yale, provided public comment, please refer to his public comment here: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OHS/Health-IT-Advisory-Council/Public-Comment/Public-Comment_CT-AHA-		

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	<p>Stroke-Registry-Proposed-Language.pdf. Dr. Wira spoke about the Stroke Program at Yale. He said that he works with the CT Stroke Advisory Council. He noted that work is in progress to lay out legislation for having a statewide stroke registry. The registry could provide an opportunity to identify and reduce health disparities. The registry will look across the entire spectrum of stroke care from pre-hospital to acute care in the emergency departments through the rehab phase. Dr. Wira said that on the CT Stroke Advisory Council there is interest to look at rehabilitation utilization rates. Further conversations may need to be initiated regarding the bill. Dr. Wira expressed thanks to the Council for the opportunity to briefly speak about it.</p> <p>Dr. Quaranta opened the floor for questions.</p> <p>There was a question that if the bill passed would it be put in a similar function as the collection of birth data in hospital registry. It was stated that there are various platforms that could be used such as those with other states. There was also a discussion regarding how the health information exchange (HIE) could be utilized to help maintain, support, and/or integrate with the registry. It was noted that there could be a lot of overlap of work. There was a suggestion for the OHS team or the Connie team to reach out and discuss with Dr. Wira how HIE might intersect and whether new legislation is the right approach compared to interfacing with the infrastructure that has already been built through Connie.</p> <p>There was a question about the benefit to public good. It was mentioned that the registry will enable the ability to see how Connecticut is doing as a state, comparison to other states, and the comparison of geographic areas and diversity. The goal is to look at the data in a finer way and make targeted interventions. The Council continued to discuss the stroke registry.</p> <p>Dr. Quaranta thanked Dr. Wira for his comments.</p> <p>At this time, Dr. Quaranta announced that two new members were appointed to the Health Information Technology Advisory Council, Dr. Susan Israel, and Deputy Sharonda Carlos from the Department of Corrections.</p>		
3.	Review and Approval of Minutes November 19 and December 17, 2020	Council Members	1:10 PM
<p>Dr. Quaranta asked for a motion to approve the November 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Mark Raymond created a motion. Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin seconded. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved.</p> <p>Dr. Quaranta asked for a motion to approve the December 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Nicolangelo Scibelli created a motion. Patrick Charmel seconded. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved.</p>			
4.	Connie Update	Jenn Searls, Connie Executive Director	1:15 PM
<p>Jenn Searls, of Connie, presented the Connie update. The Council discussed the update.</p> <p>There was a question about the use case approval process. It was noted that there is an Operations Advisory Committee, and they review and assess use cases as they come in. A goal is to have an organic process by which use cases are sent to them such as through HITAC or board members as they connect with people.</p>			
5.	Update on Statewide Five-Year Information Technology Plan	Sean Fogarty, OHS	1:25 PM
<p>Sean Fogarty, from OHS, presented the update on the Five-Year Statewide Health Information Technology Plan. There were no questions about the presentation.</p>			

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6.	Review Annual Health Information Technology Draft Report	Brenda Shipley, Health IT Senior Program Manager, OHS	1:40 PM
<p>Brenda Shipley, from OHS, reviewed the Annual Health Information Technology Draft Report. The Council discussed the report. There was a discussion about the table of contents, suggested edits, and questions about the council’s previous work on use cases. The discussion prompted questions about what the HIE would look like, the flow of HIE, consent, and where we are on the architecture. Council members were encouraged to send comments on the draft Annual Health IT Report to Tina.</p>			
7.	Announcements & General Discussion	Dr. Joe Quaranta, Council Members	2:10 PM
<p>Dr. Quaranta opened the floor for comments and general discussion. There was no further discussion at this point. Dr. Quaranta made closing remarks.</p>			
8.	Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment	Dr. Joe Quaranta	3:00 PM
<p>The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patricia Checko. The motion passed. Dr. Quaranta adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.</p>			

Upcoming Meeting Dates: February 18, 2021

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