Health Information Technology Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
May 20, 2021	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Council Members						
Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)	X	Ted Doolittle, OHA		Lisa Stump	
Victoria Veltri, Interim OHS HITO (Co-Chair)	X	Stacy Beck		Patrick Charmel	
Joe Stanford, DSS	X	Robert Rioux		Alan Kaye, MD	X
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS	X	David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn	X
Cindy Butterfield, DCF	X	Nicolangelo Scibelli		Tekisha Everette	
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		Ken Ferrucci	
Mark Raymond, CIO	X	Jeanette DeJesus	X	Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin	X
Sandra Czunas, OSC	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT		Dr. Susan Israel	X
Supporting Leadership						
Brenda Shipley, OHS	X	Tom Agresta, MD, UConn Health	X	Carol Robinson, CedarBridge	X
Tina Kumar, OHS	X	Vatsala Pathy, CedarBridge	X	Terry Bequette, CedarBridge	
Alan Fontes, UCONN AIMS	X	Kassi Miller, CedarBridge		Craig Jones, CedarBridge	

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, May 20, 2021 by webinar. Dr. Quaranta welcomed council members and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Veltri announced that OHS has been in the process of hiring a new Health Information Technology Officer (HITO). Ms. Veltri will be serving as Interim HITO until there is someone in the position.		
2.	**Public Comment**	**Attendees**	**1:02 PM**
	Public comment was provided by Supriyo Chatterjee (see public comment here). Dr. Quaranta thanked Mr. Chatterjee for his comments.		
3.	**Review and Approval of Minutes April 15, 2021**	**Council Members**	**1:05 PM**
	The review and approval of the meeting minutes was postponed to later in the meeting.		
4.	**Connie Update**	**Jenn Searls, Executive Director, Connie**	**1:10 PM**
	Jenn Searls provided the Connie update (see meeting presentation here).		

	- A press conference was held on May 3, 2021, and OHS has posted a list of technologies, programs, and services of the Health Information Exchange (HIE) on the OHS website. This starts the mandates for organizations to begin the process of connecting to Connie. - Webinars will be held with various county medical societies to encourage providers and provider organizations to sign up and connect with Connie. The account management team is working to legally onboard organizations to Connie. - Dr. Agresta and his team held a webinar to introduce Connie to the healthcare ecosystem. It was very well attended. Ms. Searls expressed thanks to Dr. Agresta and the team for pulling the webinar together and to Ms. Veltri, Dr. Davis, and Dr. Quaranta for presenting and sharing their thoughts on the webinar. - Other webinars have been held at various times throughout the month and they have been well attended. - The first of a two-part payer-forum was held to connect with payer partners in the state to introduce Connie and talk through how they might partner together. - There was a review of some of the available services and foundational data that would be critical for HIE. - Currently, there are three ways for healthcare users to access data in Connie: InContext (EHR and mobile app), Connie Connect Portal, and Data Feeds & Messaging Services.		
5.	**Connie Demonstration**	**Ryan Bramble, CRISP Product Lead and CRISP D.C. Executive Director** **Adrienne Ellis, CRISP Policy Advisor**	**1:20 PM**
	Ryan Bramble and Adrienne Ellis, of CRISP, presented on the Connie Demonstration. An overview was provided of the various tools and services that are available through the partnership with Connie. The Council discussed the demonstration. - There was a brief discussion about patient opting out options. It was noted that the patient consent will be looked at for every use case that is developed. Information about consent requirements will be publicized and posted on the website as part of the use case. It is anticipated that the website will be updated frequently as use cases are received live, to inform consumers and patients about opting out options. - There was a question about whether patient information will be saved and stored. Information such as lab data, HL7, radiology data will be stored for display. It was noted that various elements that are included in health records and data feeds that come into the HIE are stored for display. - There was a discussion about who would have access to the identified data. There was a question about whether people in CRISP and other companies that might process the data would have access to identified data. It was noted that providers that are credentialed to access the system would have access to identified data for treatment purposes under HIPAA. Certain IT CRISP people would have access and administrative privileges for troubleshooting purposes if there is a technology problem.		

3.	**Review and Approval of Minutes April 15, 2021**	**Council Members**	
	• 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 April 15, 2021, Health IT Advisory Council meeting minutes. Dr. Israel mentioned that the minutes did not go into detail about the conversation regarding the insurers and medical records. She suggested that if the insurer has access to the medical record in a comprehensive way, it should be made clearer to the public on the Connie website in the frequently asked questions. She mentioned that it has not been made clear what is meant by the term "your data" and exactly how much the insurers will see. Ms. Searls said "your data" is meant to imply the data from health systems within Connie. She said they can clarify the information on the website. Ms. Veltri noted that webinar recordings of the meetings can be found on the website. It was mentioned that minutes are not meant to be transcriptions but provide a capture of what the meeting is about. • Susan Israel created the motion. Pat Checko seconded. Victoria Veltri abstained. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved.		
6.	**HIE Consent Consumer Engagement: Summary of Findings**	**Dashni Sathasivam, Manager of Policy & Outreach, Health Equity Solutions**	**2:00 PM**
	Dashni Sathasivam, of Health Equity Solutions, presented on the HIE Consent Consumer Engagement: Summary of Findings. • The summary report of the HIE Consent Consumer Engagement findings will be shared with the Health IT Advisory Council. • Concern was expressed that the level of engagement may not have been what was expected due to the pandemic. There was a question about whether the level of engagement was enough to be instructive to the work ahead or whether there should be a focus to surface other participation. Ms. Sathasivam said there is more work to be done but they have a lot of great information to use. They are working to educate consumers about the process so they can make an informed decision on whether to opt out or not. • There was a suggestion for a focus to be on an educational campaign regarding the HIE; what it does, how it works, and how it helps people.		
7.	**Five-Year Statewide Health IT Plan Update**	**Vatsala Pathy, Senior Director, CedarBridge Group**	**2:10 PM**
	Vatsala Pathy, of CedarBridge, provided the Five-Year Statewide Health IT Plan update. • The process and timeline for the State Health IT Plan was reviewed. • Ms. Pathy shared information and findings regarding stakeholder engagement activities. Stakeholders and consumers were engaged by webinar sessions, key informant interviews, online surveys, and focus groups. • There was a review of the remainder of the 2021 HITAC meeting schedule. • There was no discussion on the presentation.		

8.	**Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Update**	**Rod Marriott, PharmD, Director Drug Control Division, Dept. of Consumer Protection**	**2:20 PM**
	Rod Marriott, of the Department of Consumer Protection, presented the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) update. The Council discussed the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. There was a question about the future of the PDMP as Connie is starting to develop. A question was how to bring both platforms together so there is a seamless view of the patient's medical record. It was noted that PDMP is actively working to connect with Connie.		
9.	**Announcements & General Discussion**	**Dr. Joe Quaranta, Council Members**	**2:50 PM**
	Dr. Quaranta opened the floor for announcements and general discussion. - Dr. Quaranta welcomed Ms. Veltri as the interim HITO and council co-chair. - There was no further discussion.		
10.	**Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment**	**Dr. Joe Quaranta**	**3:00 PM**
	- The motion to adjourn was made by Pat Checko. - The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.		

Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 17, 2021

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