

Health Information Technology Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
June 17, 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	X
Joe Stanford, DSS	X	Robert Rioux	X	Alan Kaye, MD	X
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS	X	David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn	X
Cindy Butterfield, DCF		Nicolangelo Scibelli	X	Tekisha Everette	
Robert Richeson for Sharonda Carlos, DOC	X	Patricia Checko		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		Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin	X
Sandra Czunas, OSC	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT		Dr. Susan Israel	X
Supporting Leadership					
Tina Kumar, OHS	X	Terry Bequette, CedarBridge		Tom Agresta, MD, UConn Health	X
Carol Robinson, CedarBridge	X	Kassi Miller, CedarBridge		Alan Fontes, UConn AIMS	
Vatsala Pathy, CedarBridge	X	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, June 17, 2021, by webinar. Dr. Quaranta welcomed council members and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:05 PM
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Review and Approval of Minutes May 20, 2021	Council Members	1:10 PM
	The review and approval of the meeting minutes was postponed to later in the meeting.		
4.	Connie Update	Jenn Searls, Executive Director, Connie	1:15 PM
	Jenn Searls provided the Connie update (see meeting presentation here). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was an update on Connie's onboarding progress. There are 18 technically onboarded organizations into Connie. Multiple organizations are in the process of technically onboarding. Various organizations have signed agreements and are waiting kickoff or a kickoff meeting to move into the next step of technically onboarding into Connie. A status update regarding the use case was provided. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional updates that were provided included the Connie Portal, BPMH Use Case Working Group, Patient Access Taskforce, PDMP Integration, and Payer Forum. • The Council discussed the Connie presentation. • There was a question about the makeup of the Patient Access Taskforce. Ms. Searls noted that the makeup of the Patient Access Taskforce includes people from participating organizations that have signed on to Connie as well as some members of HITAC who had participated on the Patient Consent Working Group in the past. There was also a question about whether the membership also included people that are not particularly tech savvy. It was noted that most of the members on the Taskforce are not technical folks. 		
3.	Review and Approval of Minutes May 20, 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 May 20, 2021, Health IT Advisory Council meeting minutes. Mark Raymond created the motion. Patrick Charmel seconded. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved. 		
5.	Draft Environmental Scan Report Findings and Draft Recommendations for the Five-year Statewide Health IT Plan	Vatsala Pathy, Senior Director, Carol Robinson, CEO and Founder CedarBridge Group	1:25 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vatsala Pathy and Carol Robinson of the CedarBridge Group presented on the draft Environmental Scan Report findings and draft recommendations of the five-year statewide Health IT Plan. • The process and timeline for the State Health IT Plan was reviewed. • Ms. Pathy noted there will a public comment process on the draft recommendations. There will be additional opportunities for stakeholder input from across the state in the upcoming months through public webinars. • It was noted that various input and feedback on the Environmental Scan was received by virtual forum sessions, key informant interviews, various focus groups, and online surveys. • The Council discussed the draft Environmental Scan report and draft recommendation for the Five-year Statewide Health IT Plan presentation. • There was a question about the opt out model and whether there was overall support found among consumers. It was noted that a goal is to provide overarching findings. Additional input and discussion will be needed before these findings will be presented. Information and feedback received will be shared with the Council. • There was a brief discussion about the HIE fundamentals. It was suggested that it is important to have clear prioritization on what is trying to be accomplished. It was noted that there is a lot of work to do but everything cannot be done at once. There has been previous conversation regarding the implementation plan with the prioritization of the initiatives and incremental steps with milestones and measurements attached to them. • There will be additional discussions to see what has taken place and needs to take place, what should be prioritized, and if anything has been missed. The goal is to have input from everyone and provide transparency. • It was mentioned that there will be time on the July HITAC meeting agenda for additional discussion. CedarBridge will be reaching out to some members to help facilitate the 		

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	<p>discussion. There will also be some additional webinars scheduled to allow for broad public input and some online voting and surveys to provide some directional measurement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion regarding social determinants of health (SDOH) screening related resources. It was suggested that social determinants of health screening related resources and technical assistance probably should be advanced regardless of their future relationship with HIV, given the need for healthcare and social providers to focus on health equity. Ms. Pathy said they can integrate this into how the recommendations are written so they are not necessarily tied to each but can happen independent of each other. 		
6.	Announcements & General Discussion	Dr. Joe Quaranta, Council Members	2:50 PM
	<p>Dr. Quaranta opened the floor for announcements and general discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Veltri thanked everyone for the feedback and discussion. 		
7.	Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment	Dr. Joe Quaranta	3:00 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Charmel. • The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. 		

Upcoming Meeting Dates: July 15, 2021

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

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