

Health Information Technology Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
March 19, 2020	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Webinar Only: +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) or +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 915 903 919 https://zoom.us/j/915903919

Council Members				
Allan Hackney, HITO (Co-Chair)	X	Ted Doolittle, OHA	X	Lisa Stump
Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)	X	Stacy Beck		Patrick Charmel
Joe Stanford, DSS		Robert Rioux	X	Alan Kaye, MD
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS		David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn
Cindy Butterfield, DCF		Nicolangelo Scibelli	X	Tekisha Everette
Cheryl Cepelak, DOC		Patricia Checko	X	Cassandra Murphy
Vanessa Hinton, DPH		Stephanie Burnham, OHS	X	
Dennis C. Mitchell, DDS		William Petit, MD	X	
Mark Raymond, CIO	X	Jeanette DeJesus	X	
Sandra Czunas, OSC	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT		
Supporting Leadership				
Victoria Veltri, OHS		Alan Fontes, UCONN AIMS		Carol Robinson, CedarBridge
Sean Fogarty, OHS		Tom Agresta, MD, UConn Health		Terry Bequette, CedarBridge
Adrian Texidor, OHS		Rachel Rusnak, UConn Health		Craig Jones, CedarBridge
Tina Kumar, OHS		Sheetal Shah, CedarBridge		Dawn Bonder, CedarBridge

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome & Call to Order	Allan Hackney	1:00 PM
	Allan Hackney welcomed the members and called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:05 PM

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	<p>SB Chatterjee shared his public comment. He emphasizes the need to build a statewide health ecosystem that brings in the startup organization. SB Chatterjee’s full public comment can be viewed here: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OHS/Health-IT-Advisory-Council/Public-Comment/SIM-HITO-March-19-2020---Public-Comment-V2.pdf.</p> <p>There were no additional comments.</p>		
3.	Review and Approval of Minutes February 20, 2020	Council Members	1:10 PM
	<p>Allan Hackney asked for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Mark Raymond created the motion, Pat Checko seconded the motion. All in favor. The minutes were approved.</p>		
4.	Review HIT Advisory Council Charter	Sean Fogarty, OHS	1:15 PM
	<p>Allan Hackney provided background and context for introducing a charter for the Council. Sean Fogarty then reviewed the presentation material related to the draft charter. The Health IT Advisory Council’s draft charter can be referred to here: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OHS/Health-IT-Advisory-Council/Presentations/OHS_HITAC_Draft_Charter_031920.pdf.</p> <p>Mark Raymond asked a question regarding how the absentee process would operate. Allan responded that the collective thinking was not to explicitly force termination actions. Acknowledging that Council members are all volunteers, the idea is to be respectful to Council members while allowing the broad Council to take actions related to vacancies as it broadly felt appropriate.</p> <p>In Pat Checko, as Chair of the APCD Data Release Committee, agrees that it makes sense to establish guidelines in the charter because she suffers the same vacancy problems. She asked if there was any precedence on creating the charter. Allan commented that the charter template was adopted from the Community Health Workers Advisory Group and has been used by the Medication Reconciliation Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Action Item: At the following HIT Advisory Council Meeting in April, the Council will have a discussion leading to affirmation of the Charter. If the members have any comments or questions, feedback is welcome to revise the template of the charter.</p>		
5.	Update: Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy Committee	Nitu Kashyap, MRPC Co-Chair	1:35 PM
	<p>Allan Hackney introduced co-chair of the Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy (MRPC), Nitu Kashyap to provide an update on activities of the MRPC. Nitu thanked Allan for the opportunity to update the Council and noted her Co-Chair Sean Jefferey sends his regrets as he was unable to join the discussion.</p> <p>At Nitu’s request, Dr. Tom Agresta provided a brief background to the MRPC. Dr. Agresta shared that the MRPC originally began as a legislatively created workgroup around medication reconciliation and pharmacy that met for about a nine-month timeframe and developed a set of recommendations. Following this, the work group then transitioned to a working subcommittee of the HIT Advisory Council in September 2019.</p> <p>Nitu then reviewed the presentation material related to the MRPC with the Council.</p>		

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	<p>Nitu deferred to Adrian Texidor to discuss the funding opportunities to support the MRPC work. Adrian referred to the HIE Milestones Timeline derived directly from the IAPD milestones document. He also noted that the MRPC plan will also integrate any work under the SUPPORT Act, and that any recommended additional funding opportunities produced out of this process will be added to the next IAPD and brought to the HITAC for affirmation.</p> <p>Allan commended the work of Nitu, Sean and the MRPC members, and acknowledged it's great to see the commitment and engagement from this group.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Review Consent Design Guiding Principles Public Comment</p>	<p>Dawn Bonder, CedarBridge</p>	<p>2:10 PM</p>
	<p>Dawn Bonder reviewed the presentation material related to the consent guiding principles.</p> <p>Public input noted in the presentation can be found on the OHS webpage here: https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Consent-Design-Group/Public-Input.</p> <p>Action item: the CedarBridge Group will support OHS in reviewing and responding to the comments and hope to bring recommendations during April HITAC meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Kaye asked if the HITAC has approved the Guiding Principles. Allan clarified that the guiding principles were approved by the Council, but it was discussed to have the principles posted to allow feedback from the public.</p> <p>Dr. Kaye was concerned about rehashing principles that had already been debated and affirmed by the Council. Allan commented that it's up to the Council to decide to amend based on the deliberation from the public input that came in.</p> <p>Pat Checko commented that it is important for transparency to seek public input, and that the role of the Council is then to decide whether the input warrants revisions of any of the principles.</p> <p>Tekisha Everette commented that the intention is not to relitigate all the previous items discussed but discuss how the Council is disposing or attending to the public has provided to the public comments that have been put out. Allan confirmed this was the intention.</p> <p>Allan Hackney confirmed the approach is to take each comment in turn, provide an analysis of each for the benefit of the Council. Some of those analysis will result in a recommendation to discuss and some of those analyses will be in a recommendation to not discuss because they are not on point or missing some facts.</p>		
<p>7.</p>	<p>ONC Information Blocking Rule</p>	<p>Allan Hackney, OHS</p>	<p>2:45 PM</p>
	<p>Allan Hackney reviewed the presentation material related to the ONC Information Blocking Rule.</p>		

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	<p>Dr. Kaye thanked Allan for his thorough review and shared background information on the term “information blocking.” He shared in the early days, there were studies done that electronic medical records and sharing of them increased speed, quality and cost of care. Congress was lobbied to allow mostly hospitals and donate software/hardware to acquire these things because it was fairly cost intensive. This raised concerns about antitrust. There were exceptions made to the Stark Law and also allowed subsidized entities to help them donate it. This led to unintended requirements, but the primary requirement for those to take advantage of Stark Law and federal subsidies, but it was weak. This led to vertically oriented systems, which led to investigations by ONC. This is the reinvigoration of the HIE program. CT had the first information blocking law.</p> <p>Allan added that the ONC Information Blocking rule is to get data moving and looking at it from a national level, and Dr. Kaye’s assessment is accurate on the intent.</p>		
<p>8. Announcements and General Discussion</p>		<p>Allan Hackney, OHS</p>	<p>2:55 PM</p>
	<p>Representative Petit shared that he has read the CT Health Coalition letter regarding their concerns on patient privacy and asked where this fits into deliberation in the process. Allan is aware of the concerns in the letter, and both him and Vicki Veltri are assessing an appropriate way to address the concerns.</p> <p>Allan acknowledged Mark Raymond and his team at DAS Best for the incredible efforts they are doing to manage the state during this chaos due to the Covid-19 virus.</p>		
<p>9. Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment</p>		<p>Allan Hackney, OHS</p>	<p>2:30 PM</p>
	<p>Allan thanked the Council for their time and wishes everyone to be safe and healthy.</p> <p>Allan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Representative Petit created a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.</p>		

Upcoming Meeting Dates: April 16, 2020, May 21, 2020

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