

Health IT Advisory Council

January 21, 2021



Agenda

Agenda Item	Time
Welcome and Call to Order	1:00 PM
Public Comment	1:05 PM
Review and Approval of Minutes: November 19 and December 17, 2020	1:10 PM
Connie Update	1:15 PM
Update on the Statewide Five Year HealthIT Plan	1:25 PM
Review and Discuss Annual Health Information Technology Draft Report	1:40 PM
Announcements & General Discussion	2:10 PM
Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment	3:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order

Public Comment

(2 minutes per commenter)

Review and Approval of:
November 19, 2020
and December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Connie Update

*Jenn Searls,
Executive Director, Connie*

Update on the Statewide Five-Year Health Information Technology Plan

*Sean Fogarty,
Lead Planning Analyst, OHS*

Review & Discussion: Annual Health Information Technology Draft Report

*Brenda Shipley,
Health IT Senior Program Manager, OHS*

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §17b-59:

- The Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy, in consultation with the State Health Information Technology Advisory Council is required to submit an annual report to the joint standing committees of the Connecticut General Assembly concerning:
 - 1) the development and implementation of the statewide HealthIT plan and data standards;
 - 2) the establishment of the statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE); and
 - 3) recommendations for policy, regulatory, and legislative changes and other initiatives to promote the state's HealthIT and exchange goals.
- The annual report covers activities which are completed or actively in progress, in support of the statewide health IT initiatives across prioritized workstreams during the period of February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

Next Steps:

- A draft of the Annual Report was distributed to the Health IT Advisory Council on 1/19/2021 as part of the meeting materials.
- The Annual Report is intended to summarize Health IT activities that this Council has been involved in during 2020.
- Council Advisors: please email substantive edits that clarify the Council's activities by **Thursday, January 28 at 5:00 pm** to Tina Kumar (Tina.Kumar@ct.gov) for consideration in the finalization of the report.
- The Annual Report will be submitted on Monday, February 1st to the CT General Assembly by OHS Executive Director Victoria Veltri.

2021 Health IT Legislative Proposal

REaL Data Proposal (Included in HealthIT Annual Report)

- OHS submitted a bill proposal for the 2021 Legislative Session that promotes the Governor's commitment to addressing racial equity and will standardize health care provider and hospital race, ethnicity, and language data (REaL) collection and submission requirements for participation in the State's Health Information Exchange (HIE).
- This legislative proposal is the culmination of work done by the Health Equity Data Analytics (HEDA) team, as presented to this Council on 9/17/20. The HEDA team was comprised of Health Equity Solutions, DataHaven, and the Equity Research Innovation Center at Yale School of Medicine.
- OHS contracted with HEDA in 2018 to determine how to embed health equity in the data architecture of the state's HIE. In June 2019, the HEDA team published a 19-page report for OHS about this multi-phase project, including a discussion and literature review of the role of HIEs in promoting health equity, a national and statewide landscape analysis of how HIEs are envisioned to address health equity, and an initial set of recommendations of 2-3 health equity data elements that Connecticut could strive to incorporate into its HIE.

Announcements and General Discussion

Dr. Quaranta, Council Members

Wrap up and Next Steps

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