

**Health Care Cabinet  
Pharmacy Pricing Workgroup  
Meeting Summary**

*Wednesday, July 19, 2017*

*9:00 AM - 10:00 AM*

*Legislative Office Building  
Room 1B*

**Participants:** *Chair* - Josh Wojcik, Policy Director, Office of the State Comptroller; Ellen Andrews, Executive Director, CT Health Policy Project; Kurt Barwis, President and CEO, Bristol Hospital; Commissioner Roderick Bremby, Department of Social Services; Bob Clark, Special Counsel to the Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; Angelo DeFazio, President and CEO, Arrow Pharmacy; Sarah Emond, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER); Marghie Giuliano, Executive Vice President, CT Pharmacists Association; Steve Pearson, Founder and President, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER); Kelly Sinko for Anne Foley, Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Management; Vicki Veltri, Chief Health Policy Advisor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Josh Wojcik opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. and participants introduced themselves.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comments.

**3. Discuss and Develop Charge**

Participants discussed the drafted workgroup charge, and recommended four changes:

- *Workgroup Charge:* Addition of “other private payers” to the list of entities in which the workgroup would make recommendations
- *Key Questions that Need to be Answered:*
  - Addition of 2 questions
    - What types of value-based purchasing strategies are worth considering?
    - How will opportunities to implement value-based purchasing strategies differ based upon specific payers?
  - Modification to first listed question to replace “achieve” with “support”

#### **4. Discuss and Develop Work Plan**

Josh Wojcik presented the proposed timeline for the completion of the recommendations for the working group. Consensus charges will be presented at the August Health Care Cabinet meeting, and workgroup recommendations are expected to be completed by the end of October.

#### **5. Next Steps**

The next working group meeting will include a review of all types and forms of potential value-based purchasing strategies, including the challenges and benefits of each design. This meeting is proposed to answer the key question: "What types of value-based purchasing strategies are worth considering?" The potential for an online meeting was discussed.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Josh Wojcik adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.