

APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN FOR CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERSHIP ON THE CONSUMER ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE OFFICE OF

HEALTH STRATEGY The Consumer Advisory Council of the Office of Health Strategy (CAC) is now accepting applications for new membership on the CAC. The mission of the Consumer Advisory Council of the Office of Health Strategy is to facilitate public and consumer input in Connecticut health reform policies. The overarching vision of the CAC is to ensure that OHS has a sounding board of consumer voices to inform Connecticut healthcare innovations which lead to positive health outcomes and health equity for consumers across Connecticut.

Consumer Advisory Council members bring together consumer views that might not otherwise be heard. They recommend and participate in consumer engagement activities and identify gaps in healthcare services, inequities and emerging healthcare needs in CT communities.

We seek members throughout the State of Connecticut and especially consumers of healthcare with direct lived experiences including people with significant healthcare needs and caregivers of chosen or biological family members. We seek diversity in the membership of the Council, including those from historically underserved communities and groups.

Serving as a volunteer Consumer Advisory Council member provides opportunities to make your voice heard, promote health equity and learn about healthcare in CT from sources across the state.

Please contact Leslie Greer, Leslie. Greer@ct.gov or visit our website for applications.

A committee of the CAC will review all applications and nominate new members who bring a variety of skills and experiences and who help to build a representative and diverse Council. For example, we welcome applications from people with experience seeking healthcare who wish to speak from that perspective; from people representing diverse races, ethnicities, languages, ages, sexual orientations and gender identities; and from people from around the state.

Our next virtual meeting of the CAC is on Tuesday, April 13 from 3-5 PM located at this address: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/494414873 . All meetings are open to the public.

The deadline to return your application is April 14, 2021.

Background: <u>The Office of Health Strategy</u> is a state agency created by the Connecticut General Assembly; it started operations in 2018. Our Executive Director is Victoria Veltri. It is an agency that contains a Data & Analytics Unit, Health Innovation Unit, Health Systems Planning Unit, the All-Payers Claims Database and a Consumer Engagement and Outreach Unit.