

# Connecticut State Innovation Model Work Stream Update



## Highlights

- CHW Advisory Committee held its first meeting, setting the tone for the work ahead: developing a model for CHW integration and sustainable funding, and developing toolkits to support integration
- Planning for the [Behavioral Health Forum](#) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Rural Health Forum continued- Behavioral Health Forum will now be held on May 19, and the Rural Health Forum is scheduled for June 3
- Solicitation for the Population Health Council was extended, no date set for first meeting
- Design groups of the V-BID Consortium further developed the [V-BID templates](#). An employer survey was developed and distributed to gain a better perspective on existing V-BID initiatives
- Qualidigm and Planetree [presented](#) an update on the AMH Vanguard Program to the Practice Transformation Task Force
- The UConn HIT Team finalized the Zato demonstration for the HIT Council which is scheduled to take place May 17 and May 23
- The Connecticut Health Council hosted a "[SIM Symposium](#)," highlighting SIM's work and the opportunities ahead
- The UConn Evaluation team updated the [data dashboard](#) with new updates on Population Health

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<b>Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC)</b>	<b><i>Population Health</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel Subcommittee reviewed Population Health Council nominees</li> <li>Continued solicitation for new HISC members, CHW Advisory Committee self funded employer, and Population Health Council members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Approve Population Health Council nominees</li> <li>Review and approve self-funded employer for CHW Advisory Committee</li> <li>Review and approve new HISC members</li> </ul>	5/12/16
<b>Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)</b>	<b><i>Population Health</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued planning for Behavioral Health Forum, changed date of event to May 19. <a href="#">Details and registration here</a></li> <li>Continued to solicit applicants for Population Health Council</li> <li>Continued planning for 2nd Rural Health Forum in Northwestern Connecticut to take place June 3 at the Northwestern CT Community College Shirley Draper Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominate Consumer representative for the HISC and Population Health Councils</li> <li>Continue planning and host the Behavioral Health Forum</li> <li>Continue planning for 2<sup>nd</sup> Rural Health Forum</li> <li>Hold webinar for CAB and consumer representatives to discuss Quality Measures</li> </ul>	5/5/16 5/10/16
<b>Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF)</b>	<b><i>AMH</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Presentation</a> from Qualidigm and Planetree regarding progress on the AMH Pilot</li> <li>Overview of new Next Generation ACO Model and Community Primary Care Plus Model, new CMMI Initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize CCIP report and standards for dissemination</li> </ul>	6/14/16

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<b>Health Information Technology (HIT)</b>	<i>HIT Council</i> <i>HIT section of Ops Plan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The HIT Council met on April 15, which was facilitated by the UConn HIT Team.</li> <li>UConn HIT Team worked with the Council members to ascertain questions they had regarding Zato and the demonstration. The 1<sup>st</sup> draft questions were presented at the March 18 meeting and final set of Q&amp;A will be sent out in May.</li> <li>UConn HIT Team has finalized the Zato demonstration for the HIT Council for May 17 and May 23. The demonstration will occur in Massachusetts.</li> <li>UConn HIT Team has developed an evaluation form for the Zato demonstration and it is currently being reviewed by the HIT Exec. Council members.</li> <li>The UConn HIT Team continues to work with the HIT Consultant to develop the HIT Section of the SIM Operational Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to work on the HIT section of the Operational Plan</li> <li>Continue recruiting efforts for staff.</li> <li>UConn HIT Team will help facilitate the June meeting. A decision was made by the HIT Executive Team to cancel the May meeting.</li> </ul>	6/17/16
<b>Quality Council (QC)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued work on second draft of the report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize alignment process and second draft of report for HISC review prior to public comment</li> <li>Consider adjustments to Provisional Core Measure Set in light of <a href="#">CQMC</a> recommendations.</li> <li>Prepare for discussion of public scorecard with APCD, evaluation team, and Quality Council</li> </ul>	5/11/16

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<b>Care Management Committee (CMC)</b>  (A sub- committee of <u>MAPOC</u> )	<b><i>MQISSP</i></b>  <b><i>CCIP</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convened to discuss MQISSP design at the April MAPOC Care Management Committee meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to hold work sessions and education sessions to further the MQISSP design.</li> </ul>	5/11/16

 Population Health

 Health Equity

 Healthcare Quality

 Consumer Empowerment

 Affordability

## Population Health Planning (DPH)

- The solicitation period for membership to the Population Health Council was extended to the end of April. It is anticipated that membership will be approved in May.
- The PMO and the DPH Population Health program helped to organize a [SIM Symposium](#) sponsored by the Connecticut Health Council. The symposium explored the transition and necessary improvement of the health system from accountable care (2.0 model) to an accountable community (3.0 model) that seeks rewards for better health.
- The [Advisory Council for the State Health Improvement Plan](#) (SHIP) was convened to review progress of the action agenda from the first year implementation. In reviewing the crosscutting issue of approaching providers, the council determined most working groups were engaged with specific partners to advance their 2016 strategies. Among others, the council recommended aligning activities with SIM objectives, reaching out to professional organizations, and examining areas not reimbursed for broader populations and through private insurance. DPH Commissioner Raul Pino identified several critical areas to address including teen pregnancy, housing, chronic disease management, HIV prevention, and coordination with primary care. Commissioner Pino shared the importance of the SIM and SHIP initiatives and the need to address population health in order to improve health outcomes.
- Submit nominations for Population Health Council membership to the Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee.
- Continue expanding conversations about SHIP/SIM alignment considerations.
- Contribute to UConn resolution of trends and baseline measures for project evaluation.

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<b>Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four out of nine SIM positions are currently filled. Every other position (5) is currently vacant and under the state hiring freeze. Behavioral risk surveillance and health status assessment report are in progress. Contract with UConn to develop small area demographic methods will end next month. Work is underway to amend HRiA contract language to include revised assistance for council facilitation and program content development. A new MOA has been executed between DPH and PMO to continue the implementation of Population Health initiatives through the no cost extension period ending on 9/30/16.</li> <li>Continued meeting with CMS/CMMI to discuss the MQISSP design, utilizing the Concept Paper and other historical stakeholder materials.</li> <li>Produced a nearly finalized RFP to be used in the procurement of participating entities for the MQISSP.</li> <li>Participated in the April MAPOC Care Management Committee meeting to further discuss the MQISSP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue working through and developing membership communication materials and the oversight and monitoring plan.</li> </ul>	N/A

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<b>Value-based Insurance Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The template design workgroup met twice to further develop the V-BID templates which will be ultimately made available to employers wishing to implement V-BID plans</li> <li>One meeting of the learning collaborative design group was held to begin planning for the learning collaborative, now set to take place in September</li> <li>A third meeting of the consortium was held on April 27 to provide additional feedback on the template design</li> <li>An employer survey was developed and distributed to employers in order to gain additional insight into unique V-BID approaches already being implemented. Surveys are due back May 4.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An employer focus group will be held to gain additional insight into existing employer V-BID initiatives on May 12</li> <li>An optional conference call will be held for those Consortium members who wish to provide additional feedback on the V-BID templates on May 24</li> <li>A fourth Consortium meeting will be held on June 1 to finalize the V-BID templates</li> <li>Development of complementary materials to the templates, including employer guidance and toolkits for implementation, will begin in May</li> </ul>	6/1/16	

**UCONN  
Community  
Health Worker  
(CHW) Initiative**

**CHW Initiative**

- Convened well-attended and very positive first meeting of the CHW Advisory Committee on 4/19.
- Hired Luisa Casey to fill one of the initiative's two CHW positions.
- Identified two CHWs to participate in 211 instructional video for CHWs.
- Made significant progress on the design of CHW and employer survey instruments and strategies for implementing them.
- Met with CT DOL to explore further the possibilities for creating CHW apprenticeships. Presented on the SIM CHW Initiative to the Metro Hartford Alliance for Health Careers (MACH), part of Capital Workforce Partners.
- Met with clinicians, researchers, and other stakeholders to discuss how CHWs can help address issues ranging from childhood asthma and other pediatric conditions to health-insurance illiteracy and mental illness in older adults.

**Non-SIM-Funded Related Activities**

- Planning a "boot camp" CHW core competency training in Hartford from 5/4 – 6/17 for existing members of the healthcare workforce.
- Discussed strategy development with the Community Health Center Association of CT about working together on training the CHW workforce in FQHCs.
- Attended the DMHAS Training and Technical Assistance Service Center (TTASC) Advisory Meeting and began initial discussions about collaborating about core-competency training of the prevention workforce.

- Host webinar for Advisory Committee (5/19) and co-host CHW Symposium in Farmington (5/24).
- Hire second CHW to implement CHW initiative.
- Film for 211 instructional video for CHWs (5/26).
- Continue to engage stakeholders.

5/19/16

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<b>UCONN Evaluation</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated <a href="#">Population Health pages</a> for April 1 dashboard publication</li> <li>Continued data acquisition</li> <li>Defined new behavioral health measures</li> <li>Attended monthly call with National Evaluators</li> <li>Held second meeting with commercial insurance payers</li> <li>Drafted RFP for care experience survey vendor</li> <li>Began assessment of CMMI reporting requirements to identify potential additional measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work towards July 1 dashboard publication</li> <li>Continue data acquisition</li> <li>Complete assessment of CMMI reporting requirements</li> <li>Attend monthly call with National Evaluators</li> <li>Draft memorandum for commercial insurance companies detailing milestones and proposed timeline for care experience survey</li> <li>Provide revisions to operational plan and budget narrative</li> </ul>	N/A

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<b>Advanced Medical Home Vanguard Program</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executed amendment to Qualidigm contract to accommodate the addition of new cohorts.</li> <li>28 practices have completed Standard 1-5 webinars and have begun to upload to the Corporate Survey Tool. 3 of those practices are targeted to submit the Corporate survey tool by the end of July.</li> <li>15 practices are finalizing documentation for Standard 6 and completing Planetree Bronze requirements. They should be ready to submit the site specific survey tool by the end of May.</li> <li>6 practices are participating in the NCQA pilot program and their corporate survey tools are completed and approved. Standards 1-6 webinars are completed. Site specific tools are being completed and will be ready to submit by June.</li> <li>On April 11th, the PMO released an addendum to the AMH Vanguard Program RFA that extends the deadline for submission of applications for the second cohort from April 11<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the PMO released a draft quarterly progress report template to commercial payers and Medicaid.</li> <li>On April 26<sup>th</sup> the AMH transformation vendor presented an update of the AMH Program to the PTF.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue transformation services.</li> <li>Prepare presentation that describes AMH Vanguard progress and evaluation activities to date to the May 12<sup>th</sup> HISC meeting.</li> </ul>	N/A

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<b>Program Management Office (PMO)</b>	<b><i>Consumer Engagement CCIP</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received recommendations for Consumer Engagement Coordinator from the Review Committee</li> <li>Submitted amended budget and release of funds letters to CMMI to support the second no-cost extension.</li> <li>Amended MOAs with key agency partners to reflect changes from the second no-cost extension</li> <li>Incorporated edits into final CCIP report and standards based on input from PTTF and CMC</li> <li>Continued preparation of RFP for CCIP vendor(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize and extend offer for Consumer Engagement Coordinator</li> <li>Continue work on the Operational Plan, due August 1 to CMMI</li> <li>Continue work on second draft of the Quality Council Report</li> <li>Prepare CCIP vendor RFP</li> <li>Adjust business process to support meeting logistics</li> </ul>	N/A

## ACRONYMS

**APCD** – All-Payers Claims Database

**BRFSS** – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

**CAB** – Consumer Advisory Board

**CCIP** – Clinical & Community Integration Program

**CHW** – Community Health Worker

**CMC** – Care Management Committee

**CMMI** – Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovations

**DPH** – Department of Public Health

**DSS** – Department of Social Services

**EAC** – Equity and Access Council

**EHR** – Electronic Health Record

**HISC** – Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

**HIT** – Health Information Technology

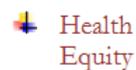
**MAPOC** – Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council

**MOA** – Memorandum of Agreement

**MQISSP** – Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program

**PCMH** – Patient Centered Medical Home

**PMO** – Program Management Office



**PTTF** – Practice Transformation Task Force

**QC** – Quality Council

**SIM** – State Innovation Model

**FQHC** – Federally Qualified Health Center

**RFP** – Request for Proposals

**OSC** – Office of the State Comptroller

**VBID** – Value-based Insurance Design

**The purpose of this document is to raise awareness among members of SIM Governance and SIM-funded work stream leads so that they can stay up-to-date about SIM progress, understand their work in context, and spot inter-dependencies where collaboration or coordination may be beneficial**

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