

## Open Data Advisory Panel

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### DRAFT MINUTES

July 9, 2014

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#### Held at:

**Legislative Office Building (LOB)  
Room 1B  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106**

***Members IN ATTENDANCE:* Tyler Kleykamp (Chair), Robert Santy, Bennett Pudlin, Steve Anderson, Dean Myshrall, Chris Woods, Dr. Lisa Dierker, Dr. Jane Horvath, Andrea Barton Reeves, Christopher Brechlin**

➤ **Welcome/Remarks from the Chair:**

- Overview of Governor's Executive Order 39
- Comments to public with direction on public comment period

➤ **Introductions:**

- Bennett Pudlin, The Charter Oak Group
- Chris Brechlin, CEO and Founder, Blueprint for a Dream
- Robert Santy, President, Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. (CERC)
- Tyler Kleykamp, Chief Data Officer, Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
- Chris Woods, Entrepreneur building a company called WhoWorksWith.Me
- Steve Anderson, Senior Vice President, Applied Geographics
- Dean Myshrall, Director, Data Services at Department of Administrative Services/BEST
- Andrea Barton Reeves, CEO HARC
- Dr. Lisa Dierker, Professor of Psychology at Wesleyan University
- Dr. Jane Horvath, Associate Professor of Economics and Senior Advisor to the President.

➤ **Overview of Executive Order 39:**

Overview given by Tyler Kleykamp, including a few of the major points:

- Executive Order 39, establishes the Open Data Portal
  - Shows the importance of the initiative to the Governor and the Administration
  - Appoints a “Chief Data Officer, who shall be within the Office of Policy and Management”
  - Agencies covered by this order will have an Agency Data Officer (ADO)
  - The Judicial and Legislative Branches are not covered by this Executive Order and not all Executive either, though all are encouraged to participate.
- Demonstration of the Connecticut Open Data Portal ([data.ct.gov](http://data.ct.gov))

➤ **Panel Discussion:** Experiences using and accessing State Data

- Bennett Pudlin: Discussed the potential value in the structure created by E.O. 39 creating Agency Data Officers which could streamline external requests for agency data. In addition, the data portal presents an opportunity for entities that repeatedly request data on a regular basis to retrieve that data from the portal, rather than making requests.
- Bennett Pudlin: Areas for improvement involve data standards as well as the capacity for agencies to provide data in a timely fashion, and developing creative ways to comply with various privacy laws in order to share useful disaggregated data.
- Bob Santy: Remarkd on the balance between protecting privacy, transparency, and data quality. He indicated the panel has an opportunity to provide insight on instances where perhaps privacy concerns were weighted to heavily. The group can also review Connecticut’s implementation of certain laws to determine whether we implement it in ways that differ from other states.
- Chris Woods: There’s a lack of education within various agencies and departments across all levels of governments in terms of what data exists and is available as well as the resources required to make that data available.
- Lisa Dierker: Inquired about the possibility of leveraging data to perform open or crowd sourced problem solving.
- Andrea Barton-Reeves: How will the state prioritize the release of data? Would it be based on policy related matters or based on frequency of requests? Would the state ‘track’ how the data is used?

➤ **Panel Discussion:** Critical Elements for Connecticut’s Open Data Policy

- The panel members discussed the opportunities to enhance the data that is released through feedback mechanisms. It is critical to not deny access to data based on an agencies perception of quality. Releasing data regardless of quality should be considered an important aspect of transparency.
- Bennett Pudlin suggested inviting the Agency Data Officers to an Advisory Panel meeting.
- Jane Horvath discussed potential guiding principles for the publication of data.
- Christopher Brechlin: Discussed how an open data policy might create opportunities to affect other policy areas regarding business opportunities, entrepreneurship, or economic competitiveness.
- Steve Anderson: Suggested identifying “success stories” or areas where open data has had an impact in Connecticut.

➤ **Public Comment:**

- Trinity College Professor Jack Doherty discusses how they are holding 2 public workshops to help educate and to demonstrate.
- Michelle Riordan-Nold, Executive Director Connecticut Data Collaborative: Spoke in support of the Executive Order and discussed the potential partnership with the State making raw data available and the CT Data Collaborative which is able to analyze and visualize data.

➤ **Wrap Up and Next Steps:**

- Next meeting will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September and will be held in the larger room in the Capitol. Agency Data Officers will be included in the meeting.
- Tyler Kleykamp will look in to Slack.Com