Connecticut Statewide Health Information Technology Plan 2021

Connecting and Innovating for Better Health

Prepare, Care, Protect, Measure, and Monitor:
Technology and Data Needs for a Strong Public Health System

March 2, 2021

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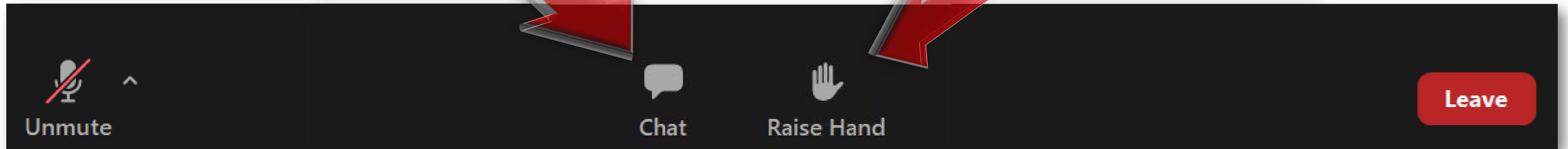**Senior Director**

Don Ross
Senior Director

Participating in the Virtual Forum

Use the **Chat** to engage with all participants

To respond verbally use the **Raise Hand** option, and we will unmute you

Unmute

Chat

Raise Hand

Leave

Opportunities to participate in several polls throughout the forum

Communication with your peers in the chat is highly encouraged

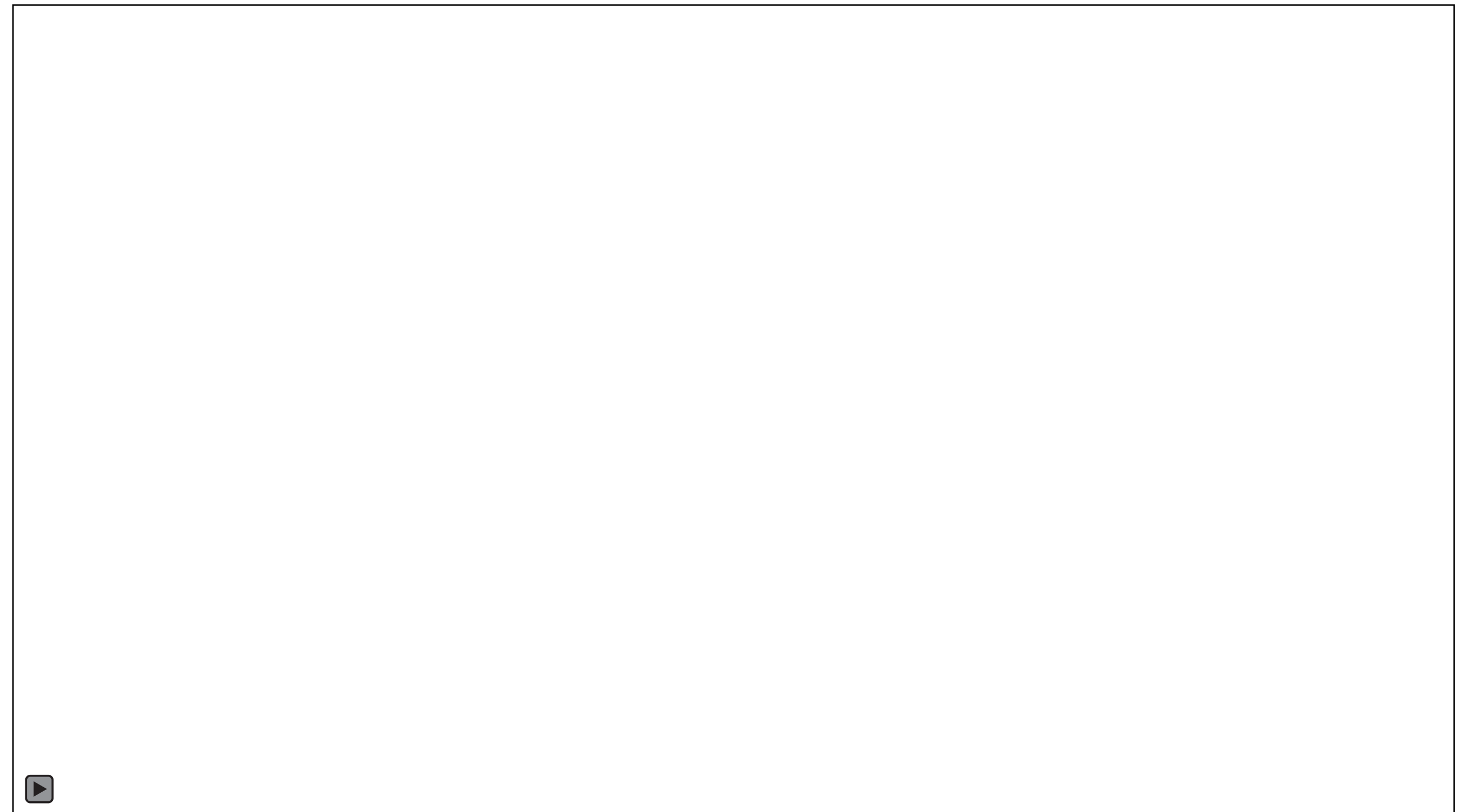**"Stack" in the chat box using "+++" when you agree with someone's point**

Quick Poll #1

A Message from the Office of Health Strategy Executive Director

VICKI VELTRI, JD, LLM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Victoria Veltri, JD, LLM, is the Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy, appointed to serve as the first head of this agency in February 2018. She was reappointed by Governor Ned Lamont in 2019 to oversee the office's mission to implement comprehensive, data driven strategies that promote equal access to high quality health care, control costs and ensure better health for the people of Connecticut.

"Connecting and Innovating for Better Health" Virtual Forums Series

February – March 2021

6 interactive forums in February and March to inform the State HealthIT Plan

Input will be synthesized to identify major themes for health data advancement in Connecticut

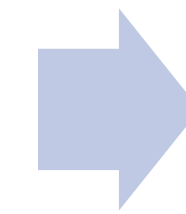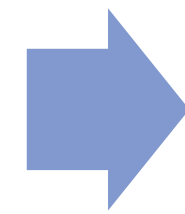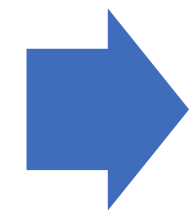Hosted by the Office of Health Strategy and CedarBridge Group

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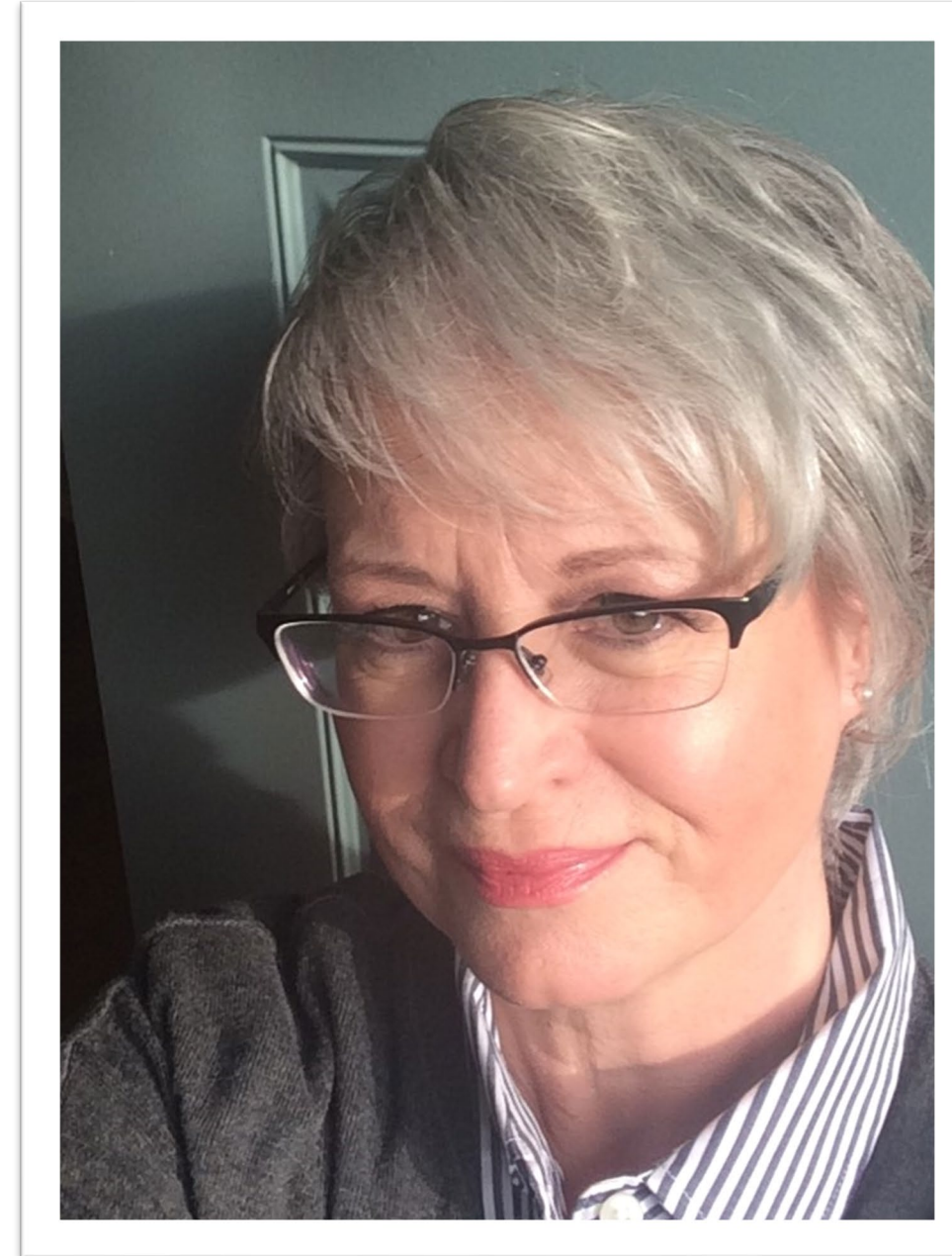

HealthIT Plan Strategies

Current State

Future Priorities

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Five-Year Statewide HealthIT Plan Strategies

Brenda Shipley
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Office of Health Strategy

About the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS)

- Fully established in 2018 - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-754a

- Charge:
  - ✓ Developing and implementing a comprehensive and cohesive health care vision for Connecticut
  - ✓ Promoting effective health care planning and quality of care for the state
  - ✓ Coordinating state's health information technology initiatives
  - ✓ Overseeing multi-payer care delivery and payment reforms

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17b-59a(3)(c) Requires a Statewide HealthIT Plan

"The executive director of the Office of Health Strategy shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services and the State Health Information Technology Advisory Council... implement and periodically revise the state-wide health information technology plan... and shall establish electronic data standards to facilitate the development of integrated electronic health information systems for use by health care providers and institutions that receive state funding."

Principles for Developing the Five-Year Statewide HealthIT Plan

Align
- Business strategies
- Priorities

Leverage Existing Investments
- Identify and add value to local efforts
- Maximize benefit from existing tools

Shared Goal:
Data Availability, Accuracy, and Interoperability

Validate Input
- Share draft recommendations
- Solicit public engagement

Inclusivity
- Create spaces for broad feedback
- Conduct comprehensive environmental scan

High Level Timeline for HealthIT Plan Development

Q4 2021

- Draft State HealthIT Plan
- Finalize for HITAC/ OHS approval

Q3 2021

- Stakeholder feedback
- Validate stakeholder input
- Revise recommendations

Q2 2021

- Synthesize input
- Incorporate HITAC guidance
- Draft findings and recommendations
- Present to HITAC

Q1 2021

- Review historical documents
- Host virtual stakeholder forums
- Conduct electronic surveys
- Key informants interviews

Current State of Public Health IT & Data

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Quick Poll #2 and Discussion

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What data and IT systems are used in CT for COVID-19 response activities?

Quick Poll #5 and Discussion

Future Priorities for Public Health Data

Rank Voting

What are your top three priorities for the healthIT plan to address?

In the chat box, please list the numbers of your priority choices, in the order of priority (e.g., 1 – top priority, 7 – second priority, 2 – third priority)

#	Priority Options
1	Improved interoperability of state public health systems with local health districts and providers
2	Integrating social risk data with public health systems
3	Investments in local public health infrastructure
4	Focus on improving data quality and standards
5	Real-time dashboards and population health analytics
6	Simplification and efficiency in public health reporting
7	Systems and data to improve the speed of response to public health crises and emergencies
8	Investments in existing state data systems
9	Investment in IT for emergency preparedness
10	Investments in population health research and analytics

In Your Own Words: Describe the Ideal Future State for Advancing Public Health through Data Sharing & Technology

- How can technology and data sharing improve care and services?

- Provide feedback on what resources are needed for data sharing and technology investments

Raise Hand | **Post in Chat**

Roundtable

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Wrap Up & Next Steps

Stakeholder Forums & Dates

Register at: http://bit.ly/ct_hit_plan

Title	Date and Time
Behavioral Health & Everyone Else: Sharing Sensitive Data Without Compromising Privacy	**February 23, 2021** **10:00 – 12:00 PM Eastern**
Integrating Social Needs Data: Knowing the Person Really Matters when Delivering Person-Centered Care	**February 26, 2021** **1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern**
Prepare, Care, Protect, Measure, and Monitor: Technology and Data Needs for a Strong Public Health System	**March 2, 2021** **1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern**

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Connecting the Dots to Improve Outcomes: Eliminating Barriers to Protect and Care for Connecticut Children in Need	**March 12, 2021** **1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern**
Timely Information Moving Between Long Term Care, Emergency Medical Services, Hospitals & Health Systems, and Primary Care	**March 23, 2021** **10:00 – 12:00 PM Eastern**
Prioritizing and Governing Investments: Secure, Person-Centered Health IT for Residents of Connecticut	**March 26, 2021** **1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern**

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