



## Health Information Technology Advisory Council

### DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
May 19, 2022	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Zoom Meeting Recording</a>

Participant Name and Attendance		Council Members		
Dr. Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)	R	Sandra Czunas, OSC	R	Robert Blundo, AHCT
Sumit Sajnani, OHS HITO (Co-Chair)	R	Ted Doolittle, OHA	R	Lisa Stump
Joe Stanford, DSS	R	Kelly Sinko Steuber, OHS	X	Patrick Charmel
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS	X	Robert Rioux	R	Dr. Alan Kaye
Nicole Taylor, MD, DCF	R	David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn
Sharonda Carlos, DOC	X	Nicolangelo Scibelli	R	Cassandra Murphy
Adelita Orefice, DPH	R	Dr. Patricia Checko	R	Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin
Dennis C. Mitchell, DDS	X	Dr. William Petit	X	Dr. Susan Israel
Mark Raymond, CIO	R	Jeanette DeJesus	X	Mark Gildea

Supporting Leadership & Other Participants				
Amy Tibor, OHS	R	Jenn Searls, Connie	R	Dr. Thomas Agresta, UCONN
Adrian Texidor, OHS	R	Michael Matthews	R	Health

R = Attended Remotely; IP = In Person; X = Did not attend

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	<b>Welcome and Call to Order</b>	<b>Dr. Joe Quaranta (Co-Chair)</b>	<b>1:15 PM</b>
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the Health Information Technology Advisory Council was held virtually on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The meeting was delayed briefly due to technical issues. Dr. Quaranta welcomed council members and called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. A roll call determined that quorum was reached.		
2.	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>1:16 PM</b>
	No public comments were made.		
3.	<b><u>Council Action: Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2022 Meeting</u></b>	<b>Council Members</b>	<b>1:18 PM</b>
	Dr. Quaranta requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting. Mark Raymond made the motion. Dr. Alan Kaye seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.		
4.	<b>Connie Update</b>	<b>Jenn Searls, Exec Dir., Connie</b>	<b>1:20 PM</b>
	Ms. Searls presented a progress update on Connie activities. Key highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A status update on hospital connectivity and electronic medical record hubs.</li> <li>• An onboarding status update: 296 live data connections, 650 trusted data sharing agreements and 192 in the queue.</li> <li>• Overview of April data access statistics and a breakdown of users of the portal by organization.</li> <li>• Weekly launches of Connie by organizations and a breakdown of weekly active users by organization.</li> <li>• Status updates on the following initiatives:</li> </ul>		

- Patient-Centered Consumer Outreach: A Request for Quote (RFQ) is published on the Connie website and proposals are due June 1, 2022.
- Best Possible Medication History
- Home and Community Based Services
- Clinical Advisory Committee
- Privacy, Security & Confidentiality Committee

The floor was opened for comments and questions.

- Dr. Kaye inquired whether the Clinical Advisory Committee minutes are published. Ms. Searls will share the notes with Dr. Kaye if they are not on the Connie website.
- Dr. Kaye inquired about efforts to educate radiology departments, hospitals, and independent radiology providers on the benefits of joining Connie. Ms. Searls briefly described the outreach development process and timeline of the value proposition that will be targeted to specific types of providers. Ms. Searls commented that Connie may reach out to Dr. Kaye and others for assistance in developing the targeted outreach.
- Dr. Checko stated that she would be willing to serve on the Consumer Advisory Committee.

5.	<b>Development of Connie Utilization and Performance Measures</b>	<b>Michael Matthews &amp; Dr. Thomas Agresta</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
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Mr. Matthews presented on the Development of Connie Utilization and Performance Measures. Key highlights included:

- A description of the following:
  - Project scope: to develop a utilization measures roadmap and action plan for Connie that enables the organization to determine the extent to which it is meeting its value proposition.
  - Project support team: Michael Matthews, Project Lead; UCONN Health: Dr. Agresta and Rachel Rusnak.
  - General framework measures: users, usage, and usefulness. The goal is to be able to document for all Connie stakeholders what has changed because of the existence of the HIE, what difference does Connie make.
  - The three project phases:
    - Phase 1: environmental scan of HIE utilization measures.
    - Phase 2: development of utilization measures roadmap for both near-term and long-term.
    - Phase 3: action plan defining timelines, milestones and responsibilities for immediate-term utilization measures.
  - Environmental scan format and timeline:
    - the format would include literature review, an analysis of the current state of capabilities of Connie and its technology partners, key informant interviews, and a final report. The project kicked off in May, the e-scan will be conducted during June and July, and a final report developed in August. Findings will be presented to HITAC.

Dr. Agresta commented on the process to receive feedback. The project team will reach out to individuals who are in successful HIEs throughout the country and to CT stakeholders. Mr. Agresta stated outreach will also be conducted to HITAC members and if members are interested in participating in a key informant interview or being part of a small focus group, to feel free to contact the team.

The floor was opened for discussion. Mr. Sajnani commented on the importance of measuring utilization and performance and stated that it is part of the 2022 goals established by the Connie Board of Directors. He further commented regarding having a mechanism to develop some consistency where a baseline gets established, and to periodically review and compare utilization either month over month or quarter over quarter.

	Ms. Berlyn commented in the chat room regarding the importance of patient access and control. Dr. Agresta commented that this will not be measured only from the standpoint of access to data and the people accessing it, but also value to patients and caregivers, not only through metrics but qualitative.		
6.	<b>Race, Ethnicity &amp; Language American Rescue Plan Act</b>	<b>Adrian Texidor, OHS</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>
	<p>Mr. Texidor presented on the REL mandate and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief background overview of the ARPA, a federal COVID-19 relief bill.</li> <li>• A refresher on the REL mandate which went into effect on Jan 1, 2022.</li> <li>• An overview of the efforts made to date.</li> <li>• Background on the ARPA concept developed by OHS and DSS to support C.G.S. Sec. 19a-754d. The request for \$1.15m in funding over two years received bipartisan support by the CT legislature.</li> <li>• A high-level project roadmap.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Texidor stated that a progress update will be provided to the HITAC in the August meeting.</p>		
7.	<b>Announcements &amp; General Discussion</b>	<b>Dr. Joseph Quaranta</b>	<b>1:55 PM</b>
	There were no announcements.		
8.	<b><u>Council Action: Wrap Up and Meeting Adjournment</u></b>	<b>Dr. Joseph Quaranta &amp; Members</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
	Dr. Quaranta requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Mark Raymond and seconded by Dr. Alan Kaye. The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.		

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:** June 16, 2022

**All meeting information and materials are published on the OHS website located at:**

<https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-IT- Advisory-Council>