Health Information Technology Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
March 18, 2021	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Council Members					
Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)	X	Stacy Beck		Patrick Charmel	
Joe Stanford, DSS	X	Robert Rioux	X	Alan Kaye, MD	X
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS		David Fusco	X	Dina Berlyn	X
Cindy Butterfield, DCF	X	Nicolangelo Scibelli	X	Tekisha Everette	
Sharonda Carlos, DOC	X	Patricia Checko	X	Cassandra Murphy	X
Vanessa Hinton, DPH	X	Kimberly Martone, OHS		Chuck Podesta	X
Dennis C. Mitchell, DDS	X	William Petit, MD	X	Ken Ferrucci	
Mark Raymond, CIO	X	Jeanette DeJesus		Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin	X
Sandra Czunas, OSC	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT		Dr. Susan Israel	X
Ted Doolittle, OHA		Lisa Stump	X		
Supporting Leadership					
Victoria Veltri, OHS		Alan Fontes, UCONN AIMS	X	Carol Robinson, CedarBridge	X
Brenda Shipley, OHS	X	Tom Agresta, MD, UConn Health		Terry Bequette, CedarBridge	X
Tina Kumar, OHS	X	Vatsala Pathy, CedarBridge	X	Craig Jones, CedarBridge	
		Kassi Miller, CedarBridge			

Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	**Welcome and Call to Order**	**Dr. Joe Quaranta**	**1:00 PM**
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the Health Information Technology Advisory Council was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 by webinar. Dr. Joe Quaranta welcomed council members and called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Attendance was taken by roll call. It was determined that a quorum had been established.		
2.	**Public Comment**	**Attendees**	**1:05 PM**
	Public Comment was provided by Supriyo B. Chatterjee. He shared a copy of his public comment document with the Council in the chat feature (see public comment here).		
3.	**Review and Approval of Minutes February 18, 2021**	**Council Members**	**1:10 PM**
	Dr. Quaranta asked for a motion to approve the February 18, 2021 Health IT Advisory Council meeting minutes. Mark Raymond created the motion. Lisa Stump seconded. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved.		
4.	**Connie Update**	**Jenn Searls, Executive Director, Connie**	**1:15 PM**
	Jenn Searls provided a Connie update. • Stacia Grosso, VP Digital Strategy & Operations, of Anthem has joined the Connie Board of Directors. There will be appointment from the Office of Policy Management. John Vittner		

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	retired from the Board in March. Ms. Searls expressed thanks to John Vittner for his contributions. • Connie is working with the Connecticut Association of Health Plans to put forth a Payer Forum this spring. Additional information on the forum will be forthcoming. • Connie is working with DPH and DSS to develop a Covid Immunization Reporting Use Case. The goal is to enable practices to get access to information on their patients who have received or need a covid vaccine. • There will be a Connie Technology Demo at the May HITAC meeting.		
5.	**All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Update**	**Olga Armah, APCD Co-Chair, OHS**	**1:30 PM**

	Olga Armah, the Co-Chair of APCD, presented the All-Payer Claims Database update.
	• The purpose of the APCD Advisory Group was provided. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis and are open to the public. There are two sub-committees of the APCD Advisory Group:
	   o The Data Privacy & Security Committee is no longer active.
	   o The Data Release Committee is active.
	• An overview was provided regarding what is contained in the APCD Database and how the data is used. Examples of APCD Use Cases were reviewed.
	• Ms. Armah reviewed the Rand 3.0 Employer Hospital Price Transparency project and the New England States Consortium Systems Organization (NESCSO) primary care investment project (PCIP). There was a request for the link to the NESCSO report to be sent or shared. Ms. Armah said they could share the link or put in on the OHS website.
	• It was mentioned that a funding opportunity is being provided through the Cares Act. The federal government is making a grant of $2.5 million available to various states to be given over three years. There was a discussion about the APCD funding opportunity. It was noted that various states may apply individually for the grant or bunch up and apply for the grant as a region. New England states have discussed applying for the grant as a region. There is a challenge of coming up with a common application to apply for APCD funding.
	• There was a question about whether there has been any effort or outreach for employers' groups or municipalities to voluntarily share their data. It was noted that there has not been. However, there are additional resources and plans to reach out to employers to seek their interest levels on reporting data if there is simpler new format for them to report data.
	• The Council discussed the release of data. There was a question regarding whether provider specific data is being made available in a non-anonymized fashion to those who are requesting information. There was a question about the requirements for maintaining privacy and non-publication of the data being provided for providers, organizations, or groups. It was noted that all requests for the data are reviewed by the APCD Data Release Committee (DRC).
	• Researchers are supposed to provide copies of their reports to the DRC to review before a report is released. There are limitations to what the researchers can report based on HIPAA standards. However, provider data is not one of the protected information, unless their numbers are under eleven members. Generally, providers are not protected under the APCD rules.		

	• There was a question regarding the check and balance process for validity of the information to be released. It was noted that the DRC reviews the reports and questions the analysis and methodology before they authorize the data release.		
6.	**Five-Year Statewide Health IT Plan Update**	**Vatsala Pathy, Senior Director, CedarBridge Group**	**1:45 PM**
	Vatsala Pathy, of CedarBridge Group, provided an update regarding activities related to the State Five-Year Health IT Plan. • Updates on the environmental scan process, webinars, and forums were provided. • The electronic surveys will be conducted from March-April. Please send an email to Vatsala Pathy if you would like to help with the dissemination of the surveys to various entities. • Ms. Pathy reviewed the remaining HITAC 2021 meeting schedule. • There was no discussion on the presentation.		
7.	**Presentation and Discussion: Statewide Identity Services for Healthcare and Social Services**	**Carol Robinson, CEO, CedarBridge Group**	**2:15 PM**
	Carol Robinson, of CedarBridge Group, presented and lead a discussion on the Statewide Identity Services for Healthcare and Social Services. • A poll was conducted for members to participate in during the meeting. Ms. Robinson provided the purpose of the poll. Input and feedback from the poll will be used for part of the data collection process. The questions and responses in the poll were reviewed. • It was noted that all members of HITAC will be contacted to participate in a key informant interview. Emails will be sent to members within the next week to schedule an interview.		
8.	**Announcements & General Discussion**	**Dr. Joe Quaranta, Council Members**	**2:45 PM**
	• Dr. Quaranta opened the floor for announcements and general discussion. There was no additional announcements or discussion.		
9.	**Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment**	**Dr. Joe Quaranta**	**2:55 PM**
	• The motion to adjourn was made by Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin and seconded by Mark Raymond. • The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.		

Upcoming Meeting Dates: April 15, 2021
Meeting information is located at: https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-IT- Advisory-Council