

# Medication Reconciliation & Polypharmacy Committee Regular Meeting

March 25, 2021



# 2021 MRPC Meeting Schedule

<del>January 28<sup>th</sup></del>	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<del>February 25<sup>th</sup></del>	August 26 <sup>th</sup>
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	September 23 <sup>rd</sup>
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	October 28 <sup>th</sup>
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	November 19 <sup>th</sup> *
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	December 9 <sup>th</sup>

- Meetings will generally take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, from 2-4pm.
- In November the committee will meet on a Friday.
- Until further notice meetings will take place via webinar. We will explore the opportunity to resume in person meetings in June, or earlier, as deemed appropriate by the State.

# Agenda

Welcome and Roll Call	Nitu Kashyap, Sean Jeffery	2:00 pm
Review and Approval of December 2020 Minutes	All	2:05 pm
Review and Approval of February 2021 Minutes	All	2:10 pm
Public Comment	Public	2:15 pm
Connie Update	Jenn Searls	2:20 pm
Breakout Session Results Review and Discussion	All	2:50 pm
State HIT Plan	Cedarbridge	3:40 pm
Announcements	All	3:50 pm
Meeting Adjournment	All	4:00pm

# Welcome and Roll Call

*Nitu Kashyap, Sean Jeffery*

# Roll Call

<b>Alejandro Gonzalez-Restrepo</b>	<i>Hartford Healthcare</i>	<b>Margherita Giuliano</b>	<i>CT Pharmacists Assoc.</i>
<b>Amy Justice</b>	<i>Yale, VA CT Healthcare System</i>	<b>Marie Renauer</b>	<i>Yale New Haven Health</i>
<b>Anne VanHaaren</b>	<i>CVS Health</i>	<b>Mark Silvestri</b>	<i>Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center</i>
<b>Diana Mager</b>	<i>CT Assoc. Healthcare at Home</i>	<b>MJ McMullen</b>	<i>Surescripts</i>
<b>Ece Tek</b>	<i>Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center</i>	<b>Nate Rickles</b>	<i>UConn School of Pharmacy</i>
<b>Elizabeth Taylor</b>	<i>DMHAS</i>	<b>Patricia Carroll</b>	<i>Patient Advocate</i>
<b>Jason Gott</b>	<i>DSS</i>	<b>Rachel Petersen</b>	<i>Surescripts</i>
<b>Jennifer Osowiecki</b>	<i>CHA</i>	<b>Rod Marriott</b>	<i>DCP</i>
<b>Jeremy Campbell</b>	<i>Boehringer-Ingelheim</i>	<b>Stacy Ward-Charlerie</b>	<i>WardRx</i>
<b>Kate Sacro</b>	<i>Yale New Haven Health</i>	<b>Dr. Valencia Bagby-Young</b>	<i>DDS</i>
<b>Lesley Bennett</b>	<i>Patient Advocate</i>		

# **Review and Official Approval of: December 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve? Second?**

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# Public Comment

A reminder: As a subcommittee of the HITAC members of the public may provide 2 minutes of comment *only* during the public comment period.

Members of the public are welcome to submit written comments to OHS at anytime.



# Connie Update

*Jenn Searls*  
*Executive Director, Connie*

# Updates

- Board of Directors Update
  - Stacia Grosso, VP Digital Strategy & Operations, Anthem
  - Office of Policy Management appointment
- Payer Forum
- Covid Immunization Reporting Use Case
- UConn Health Webinar
  - Improving the Health of Connecticut Citizens: Introducing Connie Our State Recognized Health Information Exchange
  - Rescheduled to April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Connie Technology Demo – May HITAC Meeting



## Health Systems

Yale  
NewHaven  
Health

Hartford  
HealthCare

## IPAs/CINs

SOHO  
HEALTH

cmg  
COMMUNITY  
MEDICAL GROUP

## Medicaid ASOs

Community  
Health Network  
of Connecticut, Inc.™

beacon  
health options

## Other

Community Health Center  
Association of Connecticut

signifyhealth®

## FQHCs

- First Choice Health Center
- Southwest Community Health Ctr
- Wheeler Clinic



## DMHAS Facilities

- Capitol Region Mental Health Center
- Connecticut Mental Health Center
- River Valley Services
- Southeastern Mental Health Authority
- Southwest CT Mental Health System
- Western CT Mental Health Network

## BH Providers

- Advanced Behavioral Health
- BHCare
- Bridges Healthcare
- Community Health Resources
- Community Mental Health Affiliates
- Sound Community Services
- United Services
- Wellmore Behavioral Health

## HIE

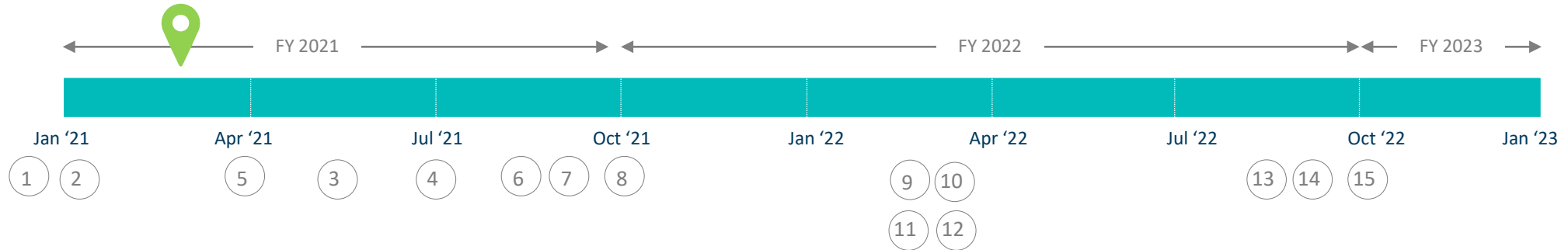
CT  
HealthLink  
Connecting for Better Care

- Candlewood Valley Pediatrics
- Litchfield County Pediatrics
- Pediatric Care Center
- Pediatric Partners
- Pioneer Valley Pediatrics
- Rocky Hill Pediatrics

## Medical Practices

ProHealth  
PHYSICIANS

# 2021 USE CASE TIMELINE



## Use Case

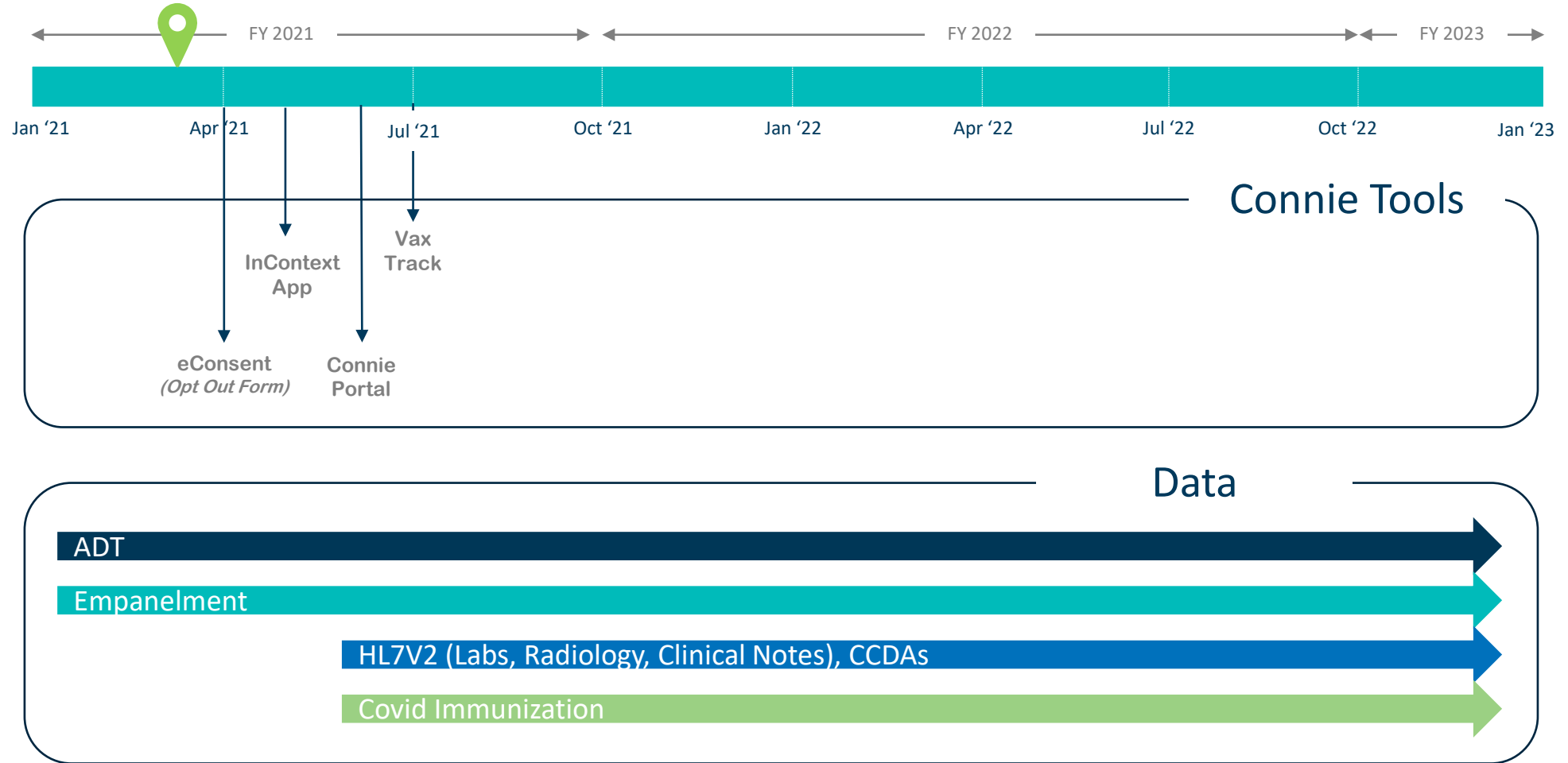
- 1 Empanelment
- 2 Encounter Alerts
- 3 Clinical Data
- 4 COVID Reporting
- 5 eConsent (Binary)
- 6 eConsent (Provider Mediated Affirmative Consent)
- 7 PDMP
- 8 eConsult/eReferral
- 9 Medication Reconciliation
- 10 Quality Measurement

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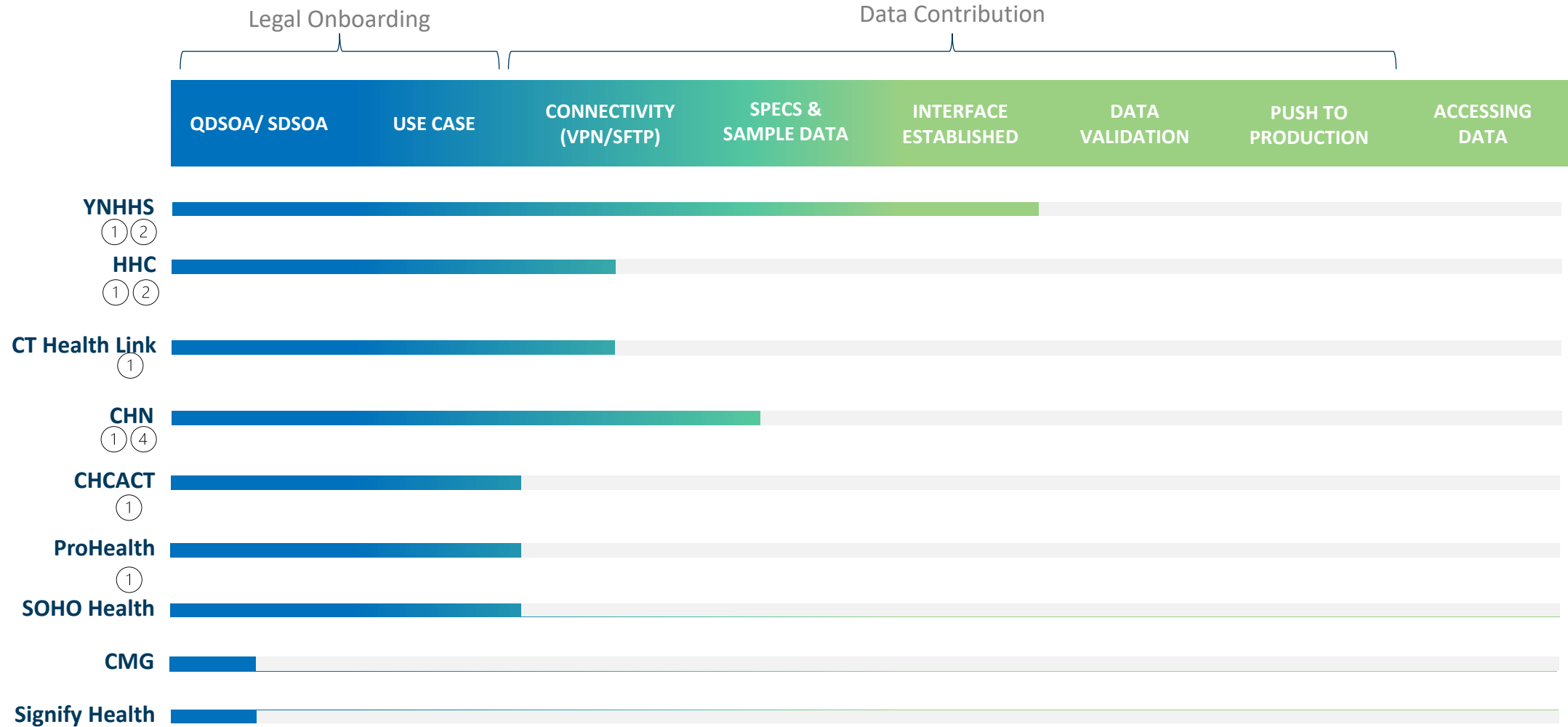
- 11 Advance Directives
- 12 Immunizations
- 13 Provider Directory
- 14 SDOH Data/Referrals Integration
- 15 Electronic Case Reporting
- 16 eConsent (Patient Mediated Affirmative Consent)
- 17 Dental Health
- 18 Telehealth
- 19 DMEs
- 20 Stroke Registry



# CONNIE DEPLOYMENT TIMELINE



# ONBOARDING PROGRESS



- ① Empanelment
- ② Encounter Notification
- ③ Clinical Data
- ④ Covid Reporting

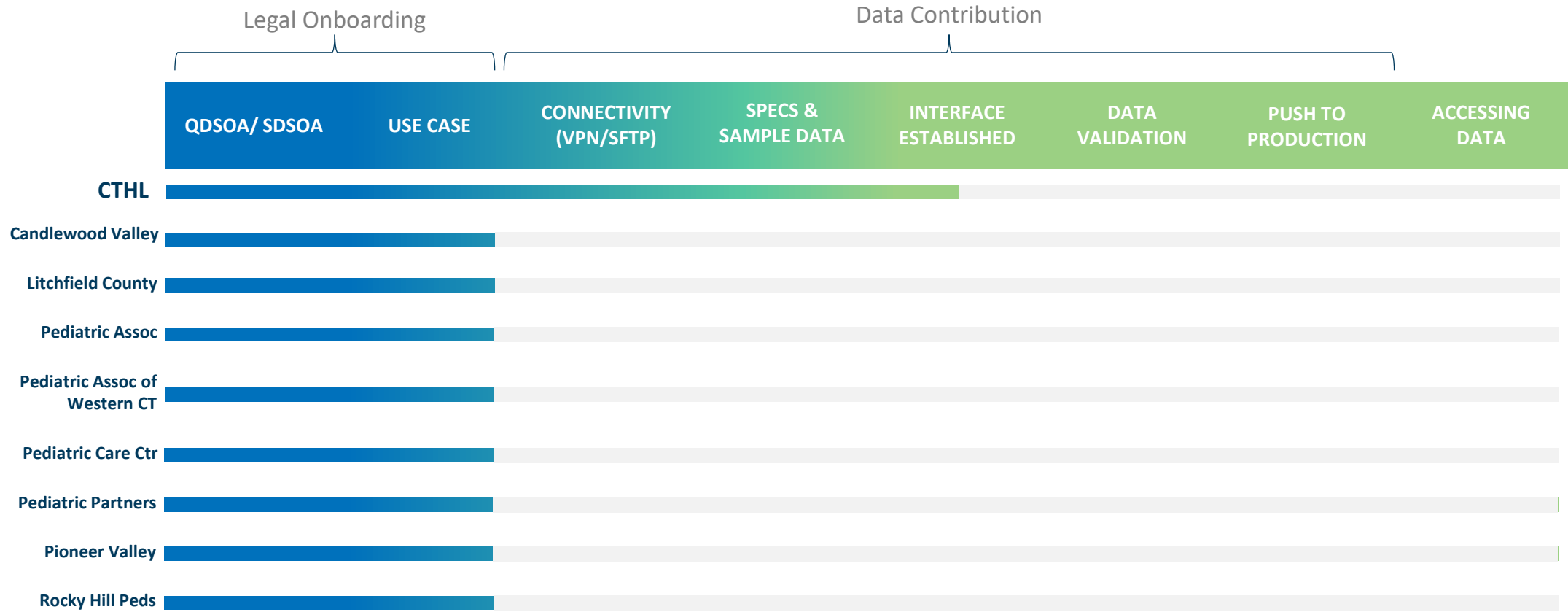


# ONBOARDING PROGRESS: PROJECT NOTIFY

	Legal Onboarding		Data Contribution					
	QDSOA/ SDSOA	USE CASE	CONNECTIVITY (VPN/SFTP)	SPECS & SAMPLE DATA	INTERFACE ESTABLISHED	DATA VALIDATION	PUSH TO PRODUCTION	ACCESSING DATA
<b>YNHHS</b>								n/a
<b>HHC</b>								n/a
<b>DMHAS Facilities</b>								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capitol Region Mental Health Center</li> <li>Connecticut Mental Health Center</li> <li>River Valley Services</li> <li>Southeastern Mental Health Authority</li> <li>Southwest CT Mental Health System</li> <li>Western CT Mental Health Network</li> </ul>							
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# ONBOARDING PROGRESS: CT HEALTHLINK





# Connie Challenges

- Data data data data data – none of this works without data
- Cynicism and skepticism
- Time and funding cliff

# Discussion topics: Connie and the MRPC

- What are the current implementation plans for HIE Use Cases in the short / medium term and what implications might they have on assisting with Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy?
- What are areas of overlap in focus that the MRPC / Connie can collaborate on in short / longer term?
- How can the work of the MRPC best be forwarded to Connie in order to facilitate the HIE efforts to help in Med Rec / polypharmacy

# Breakout Session Results Review and Discussion

*All*

# MRPC Context for Review and Discussion

- Identify goals and activities for the MRPC through 9/30/2021
  - Outcomes to be achieved
  - Deliverables and artifacts to be produced
- Advise the HITAC on MRPC-related topics
  - In the context of Health IT and HIE
  - Analysis
  - Recommendations

Goal		1: Approach for Creation of BPMH	2: Online Directory of Tools & Solutions	3: Resource to State	4: Implementation Plan for Deprescribing Standards	5: Support Complementary Initiatives
Target Date	Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q3 2021 (by 9/30)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q2 2021 (by 6/30)</li> <li>Q3 2021 (by 9/30)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing- look for opportunity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q2 2021 (by 6/30 mid-summer?)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
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# Things to consider as we discuss

- Charter takes us through Sept 2021 –
  - What is realistic to accomplish in that timeframe (Top 2-3 list?)
  - Do we envision going beyond then
  - Require re-authorization by HITAC and other means
  - Support funding beyond that would need to be sought
- Can we develop measurable goals - process / outcome measures
  - What is being considered for HIE that we can leverage
- Should we think “Out of the Box?”
  - A video montage of what is needed for Med Rec through HIE

# Approach for Creation of BPMH

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# Online Directory of Tools & Solutions

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# Resource to State

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Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cross pollination with others</li><li>• Get outcome-oriented, make suggestions within our capacity</li><li>• Forge stronger partnerships</li><li>• Align with Connie use case and infrastructure design</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify DCP, OHS, HIE, DSS, DMHAS, etc. affiliated members.</li><li>• Identify &amp; invite Connie rep</li><li>• Offer members of committee to attend others that deal with similar content to stay aligned (i.e. Primary Care Committee, HIE)</li><li>• Set standing agenda items for members to provide updates from their parent org.</li></ul>

# Implementation Plan for Deprescribing Standards

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# Support Complementary Initiatives/Seek Funding

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Q3 2021 (by 9/30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Align with PDMP</li><li>• Opioid Epidemic Initiatives</li><li>• Use available funding</li><li>• Explore Funding</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deprescribing benzodiazepines</li><li>• Opportunity to tie overdoses and meds together- ID overlap</li><li>• Immunizations in BMPH?</li><li>• Vaccination records/vaccine passport</li><li>• Coordinate with Connie</li><li>• Other funding opportunities</li></ul>

# Next Steps Discussion

- Based on the review and discussion what are some immediate and longer-term next steps for the MRPC?
  - Top 2 – 3 ideas to focus on in the next 2 months?
  - How does that meet the following parts of our charter?
    - Advise the HITAC on MRPC-related topics
      - In the context of Health IT and HIE
      - Analysis
      - Recommendations

# State HIT Plan

*Cedarbridge*

# Announcements

*All*

# Official Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn? Second?**