



Nancy Wyman

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2014

Cabinet Attendees: Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Patricia Baker, Vice Chair, Ellen Andrews, Ben Barnes, Roderick Bremby, Terry Edelstein, Bonita Grubbs, Steven Hanks, Fredericka Wolman, Kevin Lembo, Timothy Lyons, Terrence Macy, Eugene Market, Donna Moore, Katherine Kranz Lewis, Michael Michaud, Shelly Sweatt, Bob Tessier, Victoria Veltri, Peter Van Loon
Absent: William Handelman, Jeffrey Lucht, John Oraziotti, Frances Padilla, Margaret Smith, Linda St. Peter, Joanne Walsh

Agenda Item	Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	Call to order & Introductions	None.	
2.	Public Comment	No public comment.	
3.	Review & Approval of 2/11/14 minutes	None.	Minutes approved.
4.	Access Health CT (AHCT) Update, Peter Van Loon, COO	Peter Van Loon, Chief Operations Officer at Access Health CT, provided an update for the Cabinet as the Open Enrollment period comes to a close at the end of March. Peter explained the Exchange's expectations for the end of open enrollment and how it is preparing for a large increase in call volume, website interaction and traffic through Access Health's three storefronts. Peter announced the official launch of the Spanish Access Health CT website that went	More information and updates will be provided continuously at www.accesshealthct.com

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		<p>live on the March 7, not without its own challenges, but with positive feedback thus far. He explained that AHCT is grateful for the feedback of customers who were struggling with the system, and that the Exchange sees these problems as the best source of prevention for future issues. Peter explained that in the minds of AHCT, 2015 has already begun, and work on the next enrollment period is already well on its way.</p> <p>Peter also commented that AHCT is looking into replicating the experience of Connecticut's Exchange for other states.</p> <p>Members of the Cabinet posed questions related to the tracking of previously uninsured customers on the Exchange, as well as how AHCT will be organizing and using racial and ethnic data.</p>	
5.	State Innovation Model (SIM) Update, Mark Schaefer, Director of Health Innovation	<p>Dr. Schaefer provided the Cabinet with an update on the operations of the Office of Health Innovation, including the new Program Management Office and final drafts of charters and governmental structures related to SIM's work groups. Mark provided information related to Connecticut's application for the next round of federal testing grants.</p> <p>Mark's full presentation is available here.</p>	<p>Updated information can be found at the SIM website.</p> <p>Comments and questions related to SIM can be submitted to sim@ct.gov.</p>
7.	Health Equity & Socioeconomic Disparities Presentation, Dora Hughes, Sidley Austin LLP	<p>Dora Hughes of Sidley Austin LLP presented the Cabinet with findings from her research on health equity and socioeconomic disparities in Connecticut. Her presentation outlines federal initiatives and highlights suggestions for the State Innovation Model's use of racial and ethnic data in the mission to eliminate health disparities across Connecticut.</p>	<p>The powerpoint for this presentation is available here.</p>

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8.	Next Steps	The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, from 9:00am to 11:00am in Capitol Room 310.	
9.	Adjournment		