

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
June 11, 2019	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	LOB 1D

Participant Name and Attendance

Healthcare Cabinet Member					
Victoria Veltri	x	Theodore Doolittle	x	William Handleman	x
Nichelle Mullins	x	Cassandra Murphy	x	Alan Kaye	x
James Michel	x	Susan Adams	x		
Valencia Bagsby-Young	x	Heather Aaron	x		
Shelly Sweatt	x	Nancy Navarretta	x		
Ellen Andrews	x	Nicole Taylor	x		
Kathleen Brennan	x	Josh Wojcik	x		
Anne Foley	x	Barwis Kurt	x		

Members Via Phone

Paul Lombardo	x				
Hussam Saada	x				

Others Present

Mark Schaefer (OHS)	Alan Fontes (UConn Aims)	
Kim Martone (OHS)		

Members Absent

Patricia Baker	Frances Padilla	
Margherita Giuliano	David Whitehead	
Danielle Morgan		

Meeting Information is located at

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Call to order and Introductions	Victoria Veltri
	<p>Call to Order The regularly scheduled meeting of the Healthcare Cabinet that was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the State LOB 1D Capitol Avenue, Hartford. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. Victoria Veltri presiding.</p>	
2.	Public Comment	Victoria Veltri
	There was no public comment.	
3.	Approval of April 9, 2019 HCC Meeting Minutes	Victoria Veltri
	<p>The motion was made by James Michel and seconded by Shelley Sweatt to approve the meeting minutes of the April 09, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. Abstentions: Nichelle Mullins and Kathleen Brennan.</p>	
4.	Cabinet Appointment Votes / Introduction	Victoria Veltri
	<p>Ms. Veltri stated that there were a few cabinet members that needed to be reappointed, Ellen Andrews, and Hussam Saada to continue serving in the cabinet; also Danielle Morgan to be appointed representing Advance Practice Registered Nurse in Active Practice to the cabinet.</p>	

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	<p>Ms. Veltri also noted that Dr. Alan Kaye has been appointed to the cabinet by Representative Themis Klarides. Ms. Veltri also informed the cabinet that there is going to be a solicitation for an Oral Specialist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ms. Veltri ask for motion to vote Danielle Morgan, Ellen Andrews and Hussam Saada to the cabinet for new terms. Theodore Doolittle made a motion and second by Anne Foley. Motioned carried with no abstentions. 	
5.	APCD Data Reporting	Alan Fontes – Director UCONN Aims
	<p>Alan Fontes –Director for UConn Aims presented the Pharmacy Data Summary with the following highlight, challenges and QA’s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is the first time that the UCONN Aims group is working with the Office of Health Strategy team to put together the Core Data Analytic Solutions (CDAS) by downloading the 2013 to 2018 data. ▪ The team has been working very hard with APCD data to put together reports. It was noted that the 7 years pharmacy data has some gaps because some of the data is de-identified bringing some limitation to the report. The team has already started with the breakdown of all de-identified data to show a more detailed report in the future. ▪ All data has been fully secured and it currently has no public access. In 1 or 2 months will be able to provide with security accounts access. ▪ It was stated that the first report presented is a breakdown of pharmacy data such as claims, medical reports, and procedures codes in order to understand what is going on with the overall population. ▪ The data has the capability to breakdown and detailed information by filtering drugs, brand, generic, patient count, prescription and refills of drugs, cost per year, total paid, claims, insurers, types of medications and overdoses according National Drugs Codes (NDC). ▪ Mr. Fontes mentioned some of the issues that needs to be clarified when analyzing the data is the pharmacy claims with negative total sum with missing National Provider Identification (NPI) number on prescriptions. It was also stated that this data set helps to make important questions like what is the impact of not having the right NPI. ▪ It was stated by Mr. Fontes that another issue is that the APCD data report does not include the Medicare and Medicaid population. ▪ Ms. Victoria Veltri noted that we have the data but it has not yet been analyzed by UCONN Aims group; that there is an agreement with DSS to provide Medicaid data; APCD is moving to the offices of OHS and the contract will be completely shifted over to OHS to have access to the limited data set; that the data has the state employee population in them and are working to get them separate out in order to have correct number of each population. ▪ Ms. Andrews asked about how much time will take to clean up data? Mr. Fontes stated that in order to get an accurate per member per month; per member per year will take some time to clean data. Ms. Andrews asked if consumer cost will be included. Mr. Fontes stated that also consumer costs is included in data. ▪ Dr. Kaye commented that all information presented was very helpful and shows potential on what will be able to work on. Also requested if UCONN Aims would be able to break down the number of patients on Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, providers groups and be subdivided by state employees plans in order to know how to addressed state fiscal concerns and healthcare plans. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Fontes stated that once the limited data is set they will be able to give breakdown information requested such as population groups. ▪ Mr. Barwis asked if it would be possible to include social demographics in the data to compare school and educational levels. ▪ Mr. Fontes stated they are working to include social demographics information and related to each individual. <p>Ms. Veltri mentioned that UCONN Aims will be attending regularly the HCC meetings in order to give on time updates and data issues and thanked Mr. Fontes for the presentation.</p>	
6.	Legislative Update – Health Care Bills	Victoria Veltri, OHS – Anne Foley, OPM
	<p>Anne Foley from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), gave brief update on the 2019 Legislative session’s significant Health Care Bills and Budget.</p> <p>Governor’s Bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 7159 Addressing Opioid Use ▪ HB 7200 Concerning the Sale of Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic, Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor products to Persons Under Age Twenty-One ▪ State Budget: ▪ § 75 Safe Drinking Water Primacy ▪ § 148 Expands DPH’s Newborn Screening Program ▪ § 302 Direct Care Workers who provides nursing Homes for elderly and disable population ▪ § 316 Requires DSS to increase income eligibility for non-pregnant Husky A parents and caretakers ▪ §§ 377-383 Authorize the comptroller to offer other types of healthcare plans to non-state public employers <p>Ms. Victoria Veltri gave a briefed description of provision in progress which are priority for OHS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ § 160 - 61 Community Health Workers Certification Program under DPH ▪ LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network ▪ §§ 209 & 210 Expand coverage for breast ultrasounds ▪ §§ 236 & 237 Limits the maximum out-of-pocket expenses ▪ § 238 Protects providers’ ability to inform patients of lowest cost, appropriate treatment options ▪ § 239 Introduces changes to the way insurers calculate and apply consumers’ deductibles ▪ § 240 Expands the definition of a surprise bill to include nonemergency services rendered by an out-of-network clinical laboratory ▪ §§ 241-243 Reduces, from 72 to 48 hours, the maximum time for certain health benefit ▪ §245 Adds trauma activation fees ▪ §246 Requires certain insurance policies to cover treatment of emergency conditions ▪ §247 Establishes a high deductible task force ▪ §§ 306 & 307 Requires DSS to implement one or more value-based payment methodologies for hospitals 	

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	<p>Health Professions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 6942 Concerning A Collaborative Relationship between Physician Assistants and Physicians ▪ SB 921 Concerning the Scope of Practice of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses <p>State Agency Bills §§ 524-529 Incorporate Mobile Integrated Health Care Programs</p> <p>Health Care Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SB 394 Protecting Women’s Health ✓ SB 807 Dental therapy ✓ SB 1052 Expanding Medicaid Coverage of Telehealth Services ✓ HB 5521 Expanding Required Health Insurance Coverage for Preexisting Conditions ✓ HB 7125 Mental Health Parity monitoring <p>Ms. Veltri mentioned that there were other bills that did not pass but the intention is to help to reduce premiums and bring health care cost down for business and individuals as something critical for economics success in the society and for healthcare quality.</p>	
7.	Next Steps – Cabinet Discussion	
6.	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
	Ms. Victoria Veltri asked for motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Doolittle motioned to adjourn seconded by Mr. Kaye. Motion carried.	