

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
January 8, 2019	9:00 am-10:19 am	State Capitol Room 310 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Participant Name and Attendance

Healthcare Cabinet Members					
Victoria Veltri	x	Shelly Sweatt	x		
Pat Baker	x	Arlene Murphy	x		
David Whitehead	x	James Michel	x		
Anne Foley for Benjamin Barnes	x	Frances Padilla	x		
Kate McEvoy	x	Nichelle Mullins	x		
Miriam Delphin-Ritmon	x	Mark Root	x		
Sean King for Theodore Doolittle	x	Paul Lombardo	x		
Margherita Giuliano	x				
Members Via Phone					
Susan Adams	x	Ellen Andrews	x		
Others Present					
Allan Hackney (OHS)		Robert Blundo (AHCT)			
Kim Martone (OHS)					
Members Absent:					
Valencia Bagsby-Young for Jordan Scheff		Dr. Raul Pino		Cassandra Murphy	
Kevin Lembo		William Handleman		Kurt Barwis	

Meeting Information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Services/Healthcare-Cabinet>

CT-N link <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=15875>

	Agenda	Responsible Person
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Victoria Veltri
	Call to Order The regularly scheduled meeting of the Healthcare Cabinet was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the State Capitol Building Room 310 in Hartford, CT. The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m. Victoria Veltri presiding.	
2.	Public Comment	Victoria Veltri
	There was no public comment.	
3.	Review and Approval of the Minutes	Victoria Veltri
	Once a quorum was established, a motion was made by Patricia Baker and seconded by Shelly Sweatt to approve the minutes of the Health Care Cabinet November 13, 2018 meeting. Nichelle Mullins abstained. Motion carried.	
4.	Introductions	Victoria Veltri

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5.	Health Information Technology Update	Allan Hackney
<p>Allan Hackney, the Health Information Technology Officer, provided an update on HITO.</p> <p>Allan stated that currently HITO is moving from a concept to execution in partnership with the Office of the State Comptroller. They are working together on a prototype of the eCQM program, based on the needs of the OC for managing their Health Enhancement Program.</p> <p>An update of the eCQM and HIE infrastructure ensued. Allan stated that speed is of the essence it has been a long time and Connecticut is in need to get this data moving. It's about making the connection with the healthcare centers and getting the data where it needs to be.</p> <p>Nichelle Mullins wanted to know where the FGHC's fits in this particular model. Allan responded that the FQHC's will be one of the first adaptors when it becomes available. Currently the most contemporary technology is of the FQHC partner who is participating with HIT.</p> <p>Pat Baker asked if Allan had a timeline set for it to go live. Allan's replied that the goal is to go live at the end of March 2019.</p> <p>Entity Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article of Incorporations are currently at the Office of Policy Management for signature. • The bylaws and ethics policies has been drafted and are ready for the first board meeting. • An interim COO was announced to be Sabina Sitaru and other key operational staff have been hired or are in the recruitment stage. • The staff's will focus on the trust framework; business plan; onboarding procedures. <p>Allan indicated that the Support Act HR6 Sec. 5042 is seen as a new opportunity for HIT. The Support Act provides for considerable resources to address the current opioid crisis. An explanation of the HIT Implications of SEC 5042 ensued.</p> <p>APCD Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently mapping Medicaid data its availability is targeted for March 2019. • Operational transfer from APCD to OHS targeted to start end of January 2019. • Plan to the data extracted from APCD into CDAS to start the beginning of February 2019. • Shifting OHS opening to a data analyst position to add additional analytic support. <p>Pat Baker noted that Allan mentioned that the capacity is limited. Is the CDAS a work around or it is a solution or a long term fix?</p>		

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Allan explained that the capacity issue and operations largely resides within Access Health. We could tap into the vendor that currently houses the APCD information but there are budgetary issues. Long term the CDAS is placed when we need to be doing analytics we need to figure out the right timing.

Pat Baker additionally asked if the Medicare data is also a part of the APCD data. Allan said yes and along with Medicare, Fee for Service and Medicare Advantage were also a part of the APCD data.

Ms. Veltri mentioned that resources are an issue and that OHS is looking to obtain some analytic support very soon to provide additional support.

Transparency Website

An explanation of how the website will function followed.

- Statutes state that the office will be transparent.
- The data for the Quality Score card, developed through SIM, is derived from the APCD data. Integration of the scorecard and its availability will be early next year. SIM and its partner UConn are developing a metric and mechanism to filter the scores.
- The Consumer transparency website will be where consumers would be able to better evaluate and manage their health care.
- The transparency plan was explained for the website for the Quality Score Card. The fully identifiable data would be available mid-March.

Arlene Murphy thanked Allan for the terrific presentation. Arlene asked if there was a timeline available for families to be able to review the cost and quality on the website. Allan stated that on a fully identified bases the information would be available March or early April.

Ms. Veltri noted that the Quality Council Group has been involved with this process and has agreed on the measures that are included on the scorecard.

Cabinet Cost Containment Sub Group's is currently reviewing the priority recommendations, the work group will reconvene to finalize approach for priorities. Lastly OHS as previously stated by Ms. Veltri has allocated \$100K to support analytics.

Arlene Murphy asked if will there be patients or families as a part of the board of the HIE Entity?

Allan responded that yes, the Board it composed of 8 members by statue one of them must be a consumer health care member and appointed by the governor.

Paul Lombardo is there plans to put a qualifier as people are reviewing the commercial data on the website?

Allan's responded absolutely it is our intention to place a qualifier.

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Miriam Delphin-Ritmon asked if the HIE allow for information exchange for research and policy development purposes in addition to health care provisions?
 Allan stated that the trust framework stipulates the permitted purpose of the data that would come through HIE. The framework is singular in nature, the expectation are that agencies will sign on and there will be an exchange of data for the purpose they are permitted.

Frances Padilla would like to know how the APCD would fit in with OPM data office.

Allan mentioned that if we are discussing non identifiable we fully expect that we will participate with the OPM office. If it is identifiable there will be regulations that will apply.

Kate McEvoy stated that this data would be of incredible value Medicaid.

Ms. Veltri stated that she is looking forward to working with Allan, OPM and all our fellow commissioners.

Ms. Veltri thanked Mr. Hackney for the report.

The handouts and presentation material for this presentation is located at:
<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OHS/Healthcare-Cabinet/2019-Meetings/HCC-HIT-Update---20190108v3.pdf>

Access Health Enrollment Update

Robert Blundo

Robert Blundo gave a brief update on the 2019 Open Enrollment. Robert stated that one major event that has occurred was the extension of the open enrollment deadline to allow a little more time for customers to evaluate their options.

Discussion on stats for this year’s open enrollment followed. The information can be retrieved at the OHS website listed below.

Ms. Veltri congratulated Access Health’s staff for retaining the numbers of enrollee’s. It is a great accomplishment.

Pat Baker mentioned that she spoke with Robert about breaking down enrollment data by demographic data particularly around race and ethnicity. It would be beneficial for this group to see a trend line around enrollment around diverse populations. It requires strategic thinking about what it means, why and interventions.

Robert Blundo stated that on a yearly bases a report is compiled on the demographics. There is a trend that is established and Access Health would be happy to work with Pat on focusing on the trend.

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	<p>Ms. Veltri thanked Mr. Blundo for the report.</p> <p>For more information on this presentation please visit: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OHS/Healthcare-Cabinet/2019-Meetings/Health_cabinet_20190103.pdf</p>	
9.	Next Steps - Cabinet Discussion	Victoria Veltri
10.	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am
	Pat Baker motioned to adjourn and Miriam Delphin-Ritmon seconded; Motion carried.	