

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
April 13, 2021	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

Healthcare Cabinet Members					
Victoria Veltri	X	Kate McEvoy	X	Valencia Bagby Young	X
Ellen Andrews	X	Alan Kaye	X	Miriam Dolphin Rittman	X
Rev. Robyn Anderson	X	Paul Lombardo	X	James Michel	X
Patricia Baker	X	David Whitehead	X		
Nicole Taylor	X	Nichelle Mullins	X		
Shelly Sweatt	X	Danielle Morgan	X		
Nancy Navarretta	X	Cassandra Murphy	X		
Ted Doolittle	X	Frances Padilla	X		

Others Present

Kim Martone, OHS	Brenda Shipley, OHS	Carol Robinson, CedarBridge
Vatsala Pathy, CedarBridge		

Members Absent

Susan Adams	Joshua Wojcik	
Judy Dowd	Margherita Giuliano	Kurt Barwis
William Handelman	Hussam Saada	Heather Aaron

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Call to order and Introductions	Victoria Veltri
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the Healthcare Cabinet was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. Victoria Veltri presiding. Attendance taken by roll call.	
2.	Public Comment	Victoria Veltri
	There was no public comment.	
3.	Five-Year Statewide HealthIT Plan	Brenda Shipley, OHS Carol Robinson, CedarBridge Group Vatsala Pathy, CedarBridge Group

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Director Veltri introduced Brenda Shipley who presented an overview of the Five-Year Statewide HealthIT plan. Here are a few highlights of the presentation.

Why do we have to create a plan? Connecticut General Statute § 17b-59a(3) states: "The executive director of the Office of Health Strategy shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services and the State Health Information Technology Advisory Council... implement and periodically revise the state-wide health information technology plan... and shall establish electronic data standards to facilitate the development of integrated electronic health information systems for use by health care providers and institutions that receive state funding."

The following discussions ensued:

- What type of strategies and action steps should the Statewide HealthIT Plan include to drive participation in Connie?
 - Agency program participation
 - State-level policies
 - Regulatory actions
 - Incentives for participation
 - Financial penalties for non-participation
 - Technical assistance
 - Public awareness campaign
- Process and Timeline for Statewide Health IT Plan
- What type of strategies and action steps should the Statewide HealthIT Plan include to drive participation in Connie?
- Data Analytics
 - Does the State have appropriate analytic tools and resources?
- Health Equity
 - Which of the following health equity action steps should be included in the Statewide 5-Year HealthIT Plan?
- Governance
 - What actions should the state take to ensure publicly funded healthIT assets are well-managed and financially sustainable?

Ms. Veltri thanked Ms. Shipley, Ms. Robinson and Ms. Pathy for the overview. For more information and to view the presentation Q & A's please see the link below.

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4.	Update on Health Information Alliance	Jenn Searles, CONNIE
	Ms. Veltri introduced Jenn Searles, Executive Director of CONNIE. Ms. Searles presented to the cabinet an update on Health Information Alliance (HIA). Ms. Searles gave a brief	

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statement on what is the Health Information Exchange (HIE) and about CONNIE an independent, not-for-profit, neutral and trusted organization authorized by State statute to develop and operate statewide HIE in Connecticut. Below are a few highlights from the presentation.

Why an HIE?

- Enable better sharing of clinical information across all healthcare settings.
- Support care coordination among healthcare providers.
- Reduce preventable costs associated with readmissions, duplicative testing, and errors Support public health reporting, research, and population health analytics.
- Adhere to and promote standards and interoperability Provide patient access to their own health information.

Ms. Searles a CONNIE timeline from where in 2015 there was legislation established to begin the HIE thru 2022. Ms. Searles spoke of their foundational work: Governance framework established; Legal Framework developed; Technical partner identified and onboarded; Executive Director hired; Security Risk Assessment complete; Funding approved through CMS. Also discussed was the onboarding progress: project notify, CT Healthlink; and CONNIE deployment timeline (FY21). Along with CONNIE's consent principles and policy.

Ms. Veltri thanked Ms. Searles for a very comprehensive presentation. For a more information and to view the presentation and Q & A's please see the link below.

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5.	Next Steps – Cabinet Discussion	
6.	Adjourn	Victoria Veltri
	The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pat Baker and seconded by Jill Zorn. The motion passed.	
	The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.	