

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
January 14 2020	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	LOB 1D

Participant Name and Attendance

Healthcare Cabinet Member					
Victoria Veltri	X	Nancy Navarretta	X	Jill Zorn	X
Patricia Baker	X	Ellen Andrews	X		
Anne Foley	X	Heather Aaron	X		
Valencia Bagsby-Young	X	Nicole Taylor	X		
Miriam Delphin-Ritmon	X	Rev. Robyn Anderson	X		
Paul Lombardo	X	Sean King	X		
James Michel	X	Deidre Gifford	X		
Theodore Doolittle	X	Nichelle Mullins	X		
Shelly Sweatt	X	Cassandra Murphy	X		
Members Via Phone					
		Danielle Morgan			
Margherita Giuliano					
Others Present					
Miriam Miller		Olga Armah		Carmen Cotto	
Kimberly Martone		Karen Roberts			
Members Absent					
William Handelman		Kurt Barwis			
Alan Kaye		Hussam Saada			
Susan Adams		David Whitehead			

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Call to order and Introductions	Victoria Veltri
	Call to Order The regularly scheduled meeting of the Healthcare Cabinet was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the LOB 1D. The meeting convened at 9:01 a.m. Victoria Veltri presiding introductions were made.	
2.	Public Comment	Victoria Veltri
3.	Approval of November 12, 2019 HCC Meeting Minutes	Victoria Veltri
	The motion was made by Pat Baker and seconded by Cassandra Murphy to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.	
4.	2019 Self-Sufficiency Standard for CT & Preview of Healthcare Affordability Standard	Leslie Gable-Brett/Miriam Miller
	Leslie Gable-Brett from the Office of Health Strategy presented along with Miriam Miller from the Comptroller's office the 2019 Self Sufficiency Standard for CT. A brief definition	

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	<p>of “What is affordable healthcare” was given along with measuring “healthcare affordability in CT”. The Office of the State Comptroller and the Office of Health Strategy are collaborating in a two-step project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Step 1: Update Connecticut’s Self-Sufficiency Standard Step 2: Create a new Healthcare Affordability modeling tool <p>The two offices are working with consultants from the University of Washington and UCONN Analytics and Information Management Solutions (AIMS).</p> <p>A brief review on Self-Sufficiency Standard and a series of charts depicting how the Self-Sufficiency Standard compares to other benchmarks within the state of CT. It was noted that the top 3 expenditures areas in CT are prescription drugs, physician and clinics and hospitals.</p> <p>The following documents were handed out to the cabinet members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Demographic Characteristics of Households Below Economic Self-Sufficiency in Connecticut in 2019: Key Findings ✓ How affordable is healthcare in Connecticut? <p>The two documents along with the complete presentation can be viewed at: https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Content/Health-Care-Cabinet/Meeting-Agendas/January-14-2019</p>	
5.	<p>Pharma Public Act 18-41 - Prescription Report Update</p>	<p>Karen Roberts Olga Armah Carmen Cotto</p>
	<p>A brief Prescription Drug Reporting Systems update was given to the Healthcare Cabinet by Karen, Carmen and Olga from the Office of Health Strategy below are the highlights from the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the team and an overview of the public act and OHS’s role was presented. • Overview of the process which commenced in the Fall of 2019. • OHS has set in motion part one of implementation – pipeline drugs so that we can begin receiving the Sponsor Notices starting on 1/1/2020. • Following the receipt of the OHS Sponsor Notices OHS will then conduct an annual study with the Office of the State Comptroller’s assistance, of no more than pipeline drug that may have significant impact on state expenditures for outpatient prescription drugs and then OHS will pursue further information on those identified pipeline drugs by requiring further information from the manufacturers. <p>For more information on the manual please see the link below: HTTPS://PORTAL.CT.GOV/-/MEDIA/OHS/HSP/OHS_PRESCRIPTION-DRUG-COST-TRANSPARENCY-FILINGS-MANUAL_122019.PDF?LA=EN</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief overview of the use of a portal on how to submit filings on the portal was given. • It was noted that individuals registering can only see their own data, this allows for filing of information that might be considered or requested to be proprietary. <p>Next step in the process is the statutory requirement for OHS to release top ten (overview and how plan to process). The filings required as a result of the top ten list, will also be filings submitted to the non-public facing.</p> <p>OHS may release further information from these filings that inform the public and policy makers about these expensive prescription drugs. Overall what do we hope that this information will provide to state policy makers and even the public.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the Office of Health Strategy is only in the early stages of pipeline drug data collection and top ten expensive drug analysis. Our hope is to have more information in the future and present it to the Healthcare cabinet.</p> <p>For more information please see the link below: https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Prescription-Drug-Reporting-System</p>	
6.	<p>Next Steps Next meeting will be in February 11, 2020</p>	
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