

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2020

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
September 22, 2020	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

Healthcare Cabinet Member					
Victoria Veltri	X	Nancy Navarretta	X	Cassandra Murphy	X
Patricia Baker	X	Ellen Andrews	X	David Whitehead	X
Anne Foley	X	Sean King	X		
Valencia Bagsby	X	Nicole Taylor	X		
Paul Lombardo	X	Alan Kaye	X		
James Michel	X	Kurt Barwis	X		
Theodore Doolittle	X	Frances Padilla	X		
Shelly Sweatt	X	Nichelle Mullins	X		

Others Present

Olga Armah	Kate McEvoy	Alan Fontes
Demian Fontanella	Miriam Miller	Brent Miller
Kimberly Martone	Hanna Nagy	Laura Morris

Members Absent

Susan Adams	Heather Aaron	Jill Zorn
Rev. Robyn Anderson	Deidre Gifford	
Miriam Delphin-Rittmon	William Handelman	

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Call to order and Introductions	Victoria Veltri
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the Healthcare Cabinet was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m. Victoria Veltri presiding. Attendance taken via Zoom.	
2.	Public Comment	Victoria Veltri
	There was no public comment.	
3.	Approval of the August 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes	Victoria Veltri
	The motion was made by James Michel and seconded by Patricia Baker to approve the meeting minutes. Vote by roll call. Motion carried.	
4.	Access Health	James Michel
	James Michel, from Access Health CT presented on Access Health CT. An update was provided on the work being done to help the State of Connecticut respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The customer verification deadline has been extended through year end. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Husky coverage continues to be expanded through October 31st. Access Health has been working to ensure that there will not be any laps of coverage during the pandemic. They have also been working closely with other agencies such as the Department of Labor (DOL) to anticipate who may lose their jobs. Outreach work is done to reach those that may potentially lose their jobs or be furloughed based on information provided by DOL. • Enrollment for Access Health overall is a little over 4 percent compared to where they were at this time last year. Husky enrollment has increased by close to 10 percent. • There was a question about whether any indication that QHP coverage would be extended beyond October 31st for enrollees. It was stated that if a person is currently enrolled in QHP, the coverage would remain through December 31, 2020. • There was a question about outreach and how people are identified that may potentially lose their jobs. It was mentioned that the state has some requirements for layoffs. It was noted that when a company is going to layoff above a certain number of employees then DOL must be notified. Access Health has meetings with DOL and can find out which companies. It was stated that Access Health does aggressive outreach once they find out who the companies are. <p>Mr. Michel also provided an update on the preparedness and readiness for the 2021 open enrollment. The timeline, new features, and challenges of the open enrollment period was reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open enrollment is scheduled to start on November 1, 2020. There will be in-person community events being held at several locations throughout the state for customers to be seen by appointment only due to the current environment. There will also be virtual appointments as well. <p>There were no further questions. Ms. Veltri thanked Mr. Michel for the presentation.</p>	
5.	Community Benefit CHNAs and CHIP Analysis	Brent Miller and Laura Morris, OHS
	<p>Brent Miller, from the Office of Health Strategy, presented on the Community Benefit Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Analysis for Connecticut.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned that it would be important to know what has been learned from the analysis and if there are dollars associated with the investments. There was a question about the top five things to know from the analysis and the threshold for addressing them such as just saying that you did it, demonstrating substantive financial investments, new programs, etc. It was noted that for this analysis they were just looking in the CHNA and CHIP to see if there was something identified as asked for by the federal government. It was mentioned that for part one of Community Benefit one does not necessarily have to demonstrate change or improvement as this is typically reserved for part two, which is Community Building. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned that a main goal of doing the analysis was to look at how we are investing dollars and how we are working together to try to improve community health to offset some of the occurring conditions and address the deep disparities across the state of Connecticut. OHS has been meeting with the Hospital Association regarding the analysis to figure out a way to work together to take what is being learned from the analysis to do a deeper dive in the CHNAs or to help target community benefit dollars a little differently based on the needs that are identified. • There was a suggestion to outline what the chart means and to make it consumer friendly and actionable for folks in any number of communities. It was mentioned that Brent Miller is currently working with Claudia Debruyn to identify key conclusions from the analysis. <p>For more information on the presentation please see the link below:</p> <p>https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Content/Health-Care-Cabinet/Meeting-Agendas</p>	
	Next Steps	
7.	The next Health Care Cabinet meeting will be on October 13, 2020.	
	Adjourn	Victoria Veltri
8.	The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patricia Baker and seconded by Anne Foley. The motion passed.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. 	
		Victoria Veltri