

## Physician Practice Workgroup Meeting Minutes

### January 13, 2022

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
January 13, 2022	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

#### Participant Name and Attendance

Physician Practice Workgroup Members					
Rod Acosta	X	Lou Fiorillo	X	Atique Mirza	X
Jean Ahn	X	Khuram Ghumman	X	Robin Gail Oshman	X
Rich Almada		Richard Goldstein	X	Theresa Riordan	X
Marjorie Breen	X	Chris Hyers	X	Robert Russo	X
Ronald Ciesones	X	Dinesh Kapur	X	Michael Steinmetz	X
Jeff Cohen	X	Alan Kaye	X	Lisa Trumble	X
Alan Coker	X	Steven Lazarus	X		
Rachel Davis	X	Leland McKenna	X		
Others Present					
Members Absent					
Rich Almada					

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1	<b>Call to order and motion to open meeting</b>	<b>Steven Lazarus</b>
	The third scheduled meeting of the Physician Practice Workgroup was held on Thursday, January 13, 2022, via Zoom. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. Steven Lazarus presiding. Attendance taken by roll call by Steven Lazarus who welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2022, and asked for a motion to open the meeting. Leland McKenna made a motion to start the meeting and a second motion was followed by Lisa Trumble. The meeting was officially opened.	
2	<b>Approval of the workgroup's charter</b>	<b>Steven Lazarus</b>
	Steven Lazarus asked for a motion to accept the workgroup's charter given to members at the first meeting on November 8th. Rod Acosta made a motion to approve the charter and a second motion was made by Jeff Cohen. The charter was officially approved.	
3	<b>Approval of the December 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Steven Lazarus</b>
	Steven Lazarus asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the December 9, 2021, meeting. Marjorie Breen made a motion to approve the minutes and a second motion was	

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	followed by Lisa Trumble. The minutes from the December 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting were officially approved.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Steven Lazarus</b>
	There was no public comment	
<b>5</b>	<b>Healthcare Markets Antitrust Presentation</b>	<b>Fiona Scott Morton</b>
	<p>Steven Lazarus introduced Fiona Scott Morton from the Yale School of Management who provided the group with a presentation entitled “ Antitrust Enforcement in Healthcare Markets Physician practices and hospitals”</p> <p>Below are some of the highlights from the presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the demand curve.</li> <li>• A review of how competitive prices affect supply and demand.</li> <li>• A look at the differences between competitive prices, consumer surplus, and monopoly prices and the result on supply and demand along with profits.</li> <li>• Strategies that can be used to increase profits such as collusion, mergers or monopolies.</li> <li>• The concentration of hospitals, insurers, physician specialists and primary care physicians.</li> <li>• The consolidation of insurers, hospitals and physician practices in recent years.</li> <li>• How to enforce hospital mergers and physician-hospital mergers.</li> <li>• The potential harm to competition from hospital acquisition of physician practices including leverage, arbitrage, and steerage.</li> <li>• Evidence that changes are associated with increases in health spending and physician prices.</li> </ul> <p>The PowerPoint presentation is available on the OHS website by clicking on the following link which will bring the user to the January 13, 2022, Physician Practice Workgroup page.</p> <p><a href="https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Content/Health-Care-Cabinet/Physician-Practice-Workgroup/Meeting-Agendas">https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Content/Health-Care-Cabinet/Physician-Practice-Workgroup/Meeting-Agendas</a></p> <p>A discussion related to the data in the presentation took place between members of the workgroup related to acquisitions of medical groups and costs to consumers. For more information, please see the meeting recording link on the January 13, 2022, Physician Practice Workgroup page noted above.</p> <p>Steven Lazarus thanked Fiona Scott Morton for her presentation and answering questions from the workgroup members.</p>	

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<b>6</b>	<b>Future meetings and workgroup data</b>	<b>Steven Lazarus</b>
	<p>Steven Lazarus indicated that at the next meeting in January, members of the Connecticut Attorney General’s office (Rachel Davis/Cara Passaro) will be presenting on how their office reviews mergers for antitrust concerns.</p> <p>Steven indicated that he and Ron Ciesones will be reaching out to members of the workgroup to present data in future meetings.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Steven Lazarus</b>
	<p>The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dinesh Kapur and a second motion was made by Alan Coker. The motion passed with no one abstaining and the meeting was officially closed. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.</p>	