

Healthcare Cabinet Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2021

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
November 8, 2021	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

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

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1	Call to order and Introductions	Steven Lazarus
	The first scheduled meeting of the Physician Practice Workgroup was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. Steven Lazarus presiding. Attendance taken by roll call.	
2	Welcoming remarks	Victoria Veltri, Office of Health Strategy
	Ms. Veltri welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Physician Practice Workgroup. She indicated it was a pressing issue of the legislature in the last legislative session as they wanted to maintain cost and quality of services for Connecticut residents. She thanked everyone for taking valuable time away from their day to be a part of this group. She indicated the members represented a broad spectrum of groups including hospitals, small and large medical practices, state agencies, etc.	
3	Public Comment	Steven Lazarus
	There was no public comment	

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4a	Member Introductions	Steven Lazarus
	<p>Steven Lazarus had everyone introduce themselves to the group and state why they decided to join the group. Everyone introduced themselves, indicated where they worked, some background on their career and why they joined the group.</p>	
4b	Selection of a Co-Chair	Steven Lazarus
	<p>Steven Lazarus asked the group if anyone would be interested in being a co-chair to the group.</p> <p>Dinesh Kapur volunteered followed by Richard Goldstein and then Jean Ahn who asked what would be expected of a co-chair.</p> <p>Alan Kaye indicated we should have someone that was impartial and not vested in one particular mindset of how medical groups should be operated. Everyone volunteered to find out why costs are going up throughout CT for medical care.</p> <p>When it was time to vote, Rod Acosta and Chris Hyers ok'd the nomination of Dinesh Kapur as co-chair of the workgroup.</p>	
4c	Meeting Times	Steven Lazarus
	<p>Steven Lazarus asked the group what would be the best times to meet on a regular basis.</p> <p>Chris Hyers indicated he wants the group to schedule meetings several months in advance.</p> <p>Atique Mirza indicated that a meeting time later in the day such as 5pm would probably be best for everyone's schedules.</p> <p>Steven Lazarus said he will schedule meetings out for 6 months, once or twice a month in the beginning and members will be given data in advance.</p> <p>Robin Gail Oshman stated that once a month is good especially if we have smaller groups.</p> <p>Steven Lazarus suggested the second Thursday of the month at 5pm for the first six months. The meeting would be scheduled for approximately 90 minutes.</p> <p>Robert Russo asked if proxies would be allowed and Victoria Veltri indicated that they would not be.</p> <p>Steven Lazarus stated the group should have some recommendations to give to the legislature at the next meeting. Also, we need short term and long term goals</p>	
4d	Workgroup Charter	Steven Lazarus

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	Steven Lazarus provided the Charter for all group members to review for a vote at the next meeting and no members had any comments.	
4e	Open Discussion / Next Steps	n/a
	<p>Lisa Trumble wanted to know what topics will be discussed at the meetings and what external parties will be coming to the meetings.</p> <p>Steven Lazarus indicated all group members need to know current topics and laws. We will have a presentation on physician group mergers for the last 3-4 years at the next meeting. He stated some other topics to discuss are cost and market share of physician groups and the shortcomings of the current laws. It's intended that we have at least 1 presentation at each meeting.</p> <p>Dinesh Kapur commented that we need to know where we are and where we are going as it relates to cost of care.</p> <p>Steven Lazarus said the data that will be presented at the workgroup shouldn't just be limited to Office of Health Strategy data and that everyone can bring data to present. One of the main reasons people were chosen was because they represent a diverse group.</p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled for December 9th at 5pm followed by a meeting on January 13th at 5pm. The goal is to have 45 minutes of data presentations at meetings.</p> <p>Robin Gail Oshman suggested data on how many physician groups have been acquired in the last 10 years as a possible presentation.</p>	
5	Adjourn	Steven Lazarus
	<p>The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marjorie Breen and a second motion was made by Dinesh Kapur. The motion passed with no one abstaining.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.</p>	