

Primary Care and Community Health Reforms Work Group

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
February 23, 2021	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

Primary Care and Community Health Reforms Work Group Members					
Lesley Bennett (Chair)	X	April Greene	X	Lori Pennito	X
Rowena Bergmans	X	Karen Hlavac	X	Deb Polun	X
Rick Brush	X	Lisa Honigfeld	X	Brad Richards	X
Stephanie Caiazzo	X	Hugh Penny	X	Lyn Salsgiver	X
Seth Clohosey	X	Anne Klee		Marie Smith	X
Grace Damio	X	Rita Kuwahara	X	Rachel Southard	
Angie DeMello	X	Ken Lalime	X	Elsa Stone (Vice Chair)	X
Paul Dworkin	X	Alta Lash		Randy Trowbridge	X
Mario Garcia	X	Kate McEvoy	X	Lisa Trumble	X
Alex Geerstma	X	Leslie Miller	X	Tom Woodruff	X
Heather Gates		Noami Nomizu	X		
Shirley Girouard	X	Martha Page			
Others Present					
Michael Bailit, Bailit Health		Krista Moore, OHS		Katie McGee, CedarBridge	
Craig Hostetler, CedarBridge		Hanna Nagy, OHS		Mary Mulrooney, UConn	
Brent Miller, OHS		Don Ross, CedarBridge		Roy Wang, OHS	
Laura Morris, OHS		Kelly Sinko, OHS			

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Primary-Care-Work-Group/Meeting-Agendas>

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Welcome, Roll Call, and Housekeeping Items	Lesley Bennett
	<p>The regularly scheduled meeting of the Primary Care and Community Health Reforms Work Group (PCCHR) was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via Zoom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesley Bennett welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. • PCCHR member attendance was taken by roll call. It was determined that a quorum had been established. • Ms. Bennett reviewed some housekeeping items. • 	
2.	Public Comment	Lesley Bennett
	<p>Hanna Nagy read a public comment statement that was submitted by H. Andrew Selinger (see public comment here).</p>	

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3.	Approval of the January 26th Meeting Minutes	Lesley Bennett
	<p>The motion was made by Elsa Stone and seconded by Lisa Trumble to approve the January 26, 2021 PCCHR meeting summary. Vote was taken by roll call. Abstained: Alex Geertsma. Motion Passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Bennett announced that Dr. Alex Geertsma is a new member on the PCCHR Workgroup. 	
4.	Connecticut’s Healthcare Benchmark Initiatives	Michael Bailit, Bailit Health
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Bailit, of Bailit Health, presented on the Connecticut’s Healthcare Benchmark Initiatives (see meeting presentation here). Mr. Bailit reviewed the healthcare affordability and quality in Connecticut. He also reviewed how Connecticut’s Healthcare Benchmark Initiative ties to the charge of the PCCHR. • The Work Group discussed the presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a suggestion for the group to define primary care. It was noted that the Cost Growth Benchmark Technical Team defined primary care in terms of provider type and services. It was mentioned that it is for the primary care spend and investment part and will not limit PCCHR in the models to produce other things that are related to community health. • There was a discussion about opportunities to reduce spending and cost that is associated with the administration of medicine. • It was noted that there is a distinction between the work of PCCHR and the primary care spend target. There was a request for the Mathematica Report to be shared with the group. • It was noted that there will be additional opportunities to discuss Connecticut’s Healthcare Benchmark Initiative at a future meeting. 	
5.	Chronic Medication Management Models	Marie Smith, PharmD, FNAP & Mary Mulrooney, PharmD, MBA UConn School of Pharmacy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie Smith and Mary Mulrooney, of UConn School of Pharmacy, presented on the Chronic Medication Management Models: Pharmacists on Expanded Primary Care and Population Health Teams. Background information was provided on Comprehensive Medication Management (CMM), Clinical Pharmacist Training Credentials, and Pharmacist Practice Models. An introduction of the CMM practice models was provided. • There was an overview provided of the work that was completed with the Office of Health Strategy under the State Innovation Model (SIM), that looked at pharmacist 	

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	in CT that were in CMM Practice Models. Lessons learned from the SIM Technical Assistance Program were reviewed. The Work Group discussed the presentation.	
6.	Facilitated Discussion - Guiding Principles	Don Ross, CedarBridge
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Ross, of CedarBridge, facilitated discussion on the guiding principles. It was noted that the guiding principles will be used as a guide to the workgroup as they evaluate various models. • The Work Group discussed the presentation. • There was a consensus to accept the proposed Guiding Principles. 	
7.	Next Steps	Don Ross, CedarBridge
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Ross, of CedarBridge reviewed the next steps. In the coming months there will be models for PCCHR to review and consider proven concepts and various systems. • Ms. Sinko mentioned that there will be opportunities in future agendas to discuss Connecticut’s Healthcare Benchmark Initiative and the charges for PCCHR under the Executive Order. • A recommendation was made to set up a subgroup of the Primary Care and Community Care Reforms Workgroup to engage on the Health Enhancement Community Initiative and community health. Additional details will be forthcoming. • There was a suggestion to define and clarify terms such as “inequities” and “disparities”. Mario Garcia volunteered to send to the group a few definitions for clarity regarding the use of terms related to equity discussions. 	
8.	Meeting Adjournment	Lesley Bennett
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Primary Care and Community Health Reforms Work Group meeting will be March 23rd at 1:00 p.m. • The motion was made by Elsa Stone and seconded by Rick Brush to adjourn the meeting. • The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m. 	