

Community Health Subgroup Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
April 28, 2021	3:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

Community Health Subgroup Members					
Kate Breslin	X	Ashley McAuliffe	X		
Rick Brush	X	Martha Page	X		
Grace Damio	X	Deb Polun	X		
Angie DeMello	X	Lyn Salsgiver	X		
Paul Dworkin	X	Lisa TepperBates	X		
Kiley Gosselin		Orlando Velazco	X		
Rita Kuwahara	X				
Others Present					
Victoria Veltri, OHS	X	Yasmeen Saeed, OHS	X		
Brent Miller, OHS	X	Jeannina Thompson, OHS	X		
Hanna Nagy, OHS	X				

Meeting information is located at: https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Community-Health-Subgroup/Meeting-Agendas

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)		
1.	Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions	Victoria Veltri,		
		Brent Miller		
	The first meeting of the Community Health Subgroup (CHS) was held on Wednesday, April			
	28, 2021, via Zoom.			
	Brent Miller called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.			
	He reviewed the agenda items and the purpose of the meeting.			
	Victoria Veltri welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to members for devoting their time			
	to the work. Members and other participants introduced themselves.			
2.	Public Comment	Members of the Public		
	There was no public comment.			
3.	Review of Subgroup Goals, Meeting Cadence	Members of CHS		
	Mr. Miller provided an overview of the proposed Community Health Subgroup goals.			
	The following CHS goals were reviewed and discussed:			
	o Provide guidance on the development of HECs and related sustainable financing			
	strategies (near and long-term), as well as their integration into other initiatives.			
	 Provide guidance on other community health initiatives. 			
	 Provide guidance on community health and primary care integration. 			



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- It was noted that calling out goal number three is critically important.
- There was a suggestion to include implementation in the goals. It was mentioned that the goals of the Health Enhancement Initiative are significant and are long term goals for the state. It would be important to move from the drawing board to finding ways to implement both the state's role and implementation, as well as the HECs implementation to help with achieving the goals faster.
- There was a question about whether the goal is for the CHS to just provide guidance.
 It was noted that the objective is to obtain feedback and input to ultimately create the best initiative possible. If members would like to provide something beyond providing guidance and advisory capacity, it could be discussed.
- It was noted that guidance would be provided to OHS, but it does not have to stop there. There are other partners throughout Connecticut that may not be involved where there are opportunities to create alignment.
- There was a question about goal number two regarding who would identify the other community health initiatives. It was noted that OHS as well as the CHS would identify them. There could be a conversation if applicable to the Subgroup.
- Members discussed whether additional goals could be added to the list as the scope and work of the group changes. It was noted that it would be good to keep the goals solidified. The goals could be tweaked or fine-tuned in the future if necessary.
- Mr. Miller asked members to indicate their support of the goals through a fist to five exercise. Members agreed with all the proposed goals.

4. HEC Overview and Discussion

Brent Miller, Members of CHS

- Mr. Miller provided an overview of the HEC Initiative. The Subgroup discussed the HEC initiative.
- It was noted that implementation will be something to think about when funds have been secured.
- There was mention of the Healthy Home program and how it is available to every family throughout the state. It was stated that it would be critically important to take advantage of funding that is already in place.
- A next step will be to look at resources that have already been identified.
- It was noted that United Way and 211 could be a starting point.

5. Overview of future CHS Meetings

Brent Miller

- There was a discussion about the meeting cadence regarding how often the group wanted to meet. There was mention about a schedule conflict with another OHS meeting. It was stated that OHS will work to resolve this issue.
- Members agreed to meet monthly. Today's meeting was scheduled for one hour, but future meetings will be scheduled for two hours long.



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6.	Meeting Adjournment	All
	 The next Community Health Subgroup meeting is sche The motion was made by Martha Page and seconded be meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m. 	-