

Quality Council

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
January 18, 2023	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording: https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/gjG5CqxLQRT0opkSZTvG6?domain=ctvideo.ct.gov

Participant Name and Attendance Council Members					
Rohit Bhalla	R	Amy Gagliardi	R	Andy Selinger (Co-Chair)	X
Ellen Carter	R	Karin Haberlin	R	Marlene St. Juste	R
Elizabeth Courtney	X	Danyal Ibrahim	X	Daniel Tobin	R
Monique Crawford/Stephanie De Abreu	R	Michael Jefferson	R	Alison Vail	R
Sandra Czunas	R	Phil Roland/Doug Nichols	R	Steve Wolfson	X
Petrina Davis	R	Joe Quaranta	R	Heather Tory	X
Lisa Freeman	R	Brad Richards	R		

Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
Hanna Nagy, OHS	R	Michael Bailit, Bailit Health	R	Grace Flaherty, Bailit Health	R
Jeannina Thompson, OHS	R	R = Attended Remotely; IP = In Person; X = Did Not Attend			

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Hanna Nagy	3:00pm
	Hanna Nagy called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. Jeannina Thompson took roll call. Jeannina reported that a quorum was present.		
2.	Council Action: Approval of Minutes	Council Members	3:05pm
	Amy Gagliardi motioned to approve the November 16 th meeting minutes. Joe Quaranta seconded the motion. No one objected to approving the meeting minutes. The motion passed, with Marlene St. Juste abstaining.		
3.	Council Action: 2024 Quality Council Meeting Schedule	Council Members	3:10pm
	Hanna shared the proposed 2024 Quality Council meeting dates. Michael Jefferson made a motion to approve. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions. The motion passed.		
4.	2024 Quality Council Roadmap and Goals	Michael Bailit	3:15pm
	<p>Michael summarized the Quality Council’s planned work for 2024. Michael asked whether the Quality Council was interested in setting annual goals and associated measures for 2024. Michael shared example goals and associated measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member supported the idea of setting discrete and manageable goals, especially the idea of establishing a Health Equity Subgroup. She also asked Michael to share some examples of how the Quality Council and OHS could improve fidelity scores. Michael shared Bailit Health’s experience with approaches pursued in Massachusetts. • One member suggested adding a goal of understanding how provider groups are experiencing the Aligned Measure Set and driving improvement on the Aligned Measure Set measures. • One member suggested adding a goal of focusing more on patient-reported quality measures. • One member voiced support for formation of a Health Equity Subgroup and suggested adding a goal of increasing overall quality measure performance (in addition to focusing on increasing insurer fidelity scores). 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member supported setting a concise set of goals and supported focusing on increasing overall quality measure performance. Michael noted that the Quality Benchmarks partially address the desire to focus on overall quality measure performance. • One member said that he would recommend reviewing the Aligned Measure Set for low-value measures. • Ellen Carter and Lisa Freeman expressed interest in Health Equity Subgroup participation in the chat. Hanna Nagy asked in the chat that others who decide that they or one of their colleagues would like to participate contact her after the meeting at Hanna.Nagy@ct.gov. 		
5.	Introduction to the 2024 Aligned Measure Set Annual Review	Grace Flaherty	3:45pm
	<p>Grace Flaherty reminded the Quality Council about the background and purpose of the Connecticut Aligned Measure Set. Grace shared the measures in the 2024 Aligned Measure Set, and the 2022-2023 Aligned Measure Set fidelity scores.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member asked about dropping fidelity scores in 2023 for two plans. Grace said these declines could reflect adding new non-aligned measures, changing contracts, and/or changes to OHS' survey. She added that 2024 survey results will be reported to the Council in one of its next two meetings. <p>Grace shared that in February, the Quality Council will begin its review of the Aligned Measure Set and consider whether to make any changes for 2025. Grace said that OHS recently sent a request to the Quality Council, payers, providers, OSC and DSS for feedback on the 2024 Aligned Measure Set (e.g., measures to be added, removed or have their Core/Menu status modified). Grace asked whether the Quality Council had any feedback to share about the Aligned Measure Set during the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member asked if available performance would be shared with the Council before it is asked to add or drop a measure. Grace responded affirmatively. • One member noted that the <i>Asthma Medication Ratio</i> measure is important but continues to have a low denominator, and thus may not offer opportunity for quality improvement activity. He added that clinical guidelines are changing which could be problematic for the measure (long-acting steroids and bronchodilators as therapy, and not short-acting rescue medications (inhalers). Another member in the chat said that this new approach is referred to as Single Maintenance and Rescue Therapy (SMART), and the medications are budesonide and formoterol. • One member said, regarding <i>Asthma Medication Ratio</i>, that small denominator size has been a problem with Cigna, which is why it is not using it. Another member said he believes denominator size may be a problem for some small practices, with the demographics of the practice being an influencing factor. • One member said his practices are having trouble getting timely ED data to make <i>Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness</i> actionable; also some mental health data is being masked by the payers. This is a problem with the 7-day measure in particular (i.e., 30-day rate is more achievable). • Two members said that there is growing uptake of Social Determinant of Health screening. • One member asked if measures that are not in the Aligned Measure Set but in broad insurer use could be considered for measure set incorporation. Grace said that Quality Council staff will look for such measures. 		
6.	Public Comment	Hanna Nagy	3:50pm
	Hanna Nagy invited welcomed public comment. There was none.		
7.	Council Action: Meeting Adjournment	Hanna Nagy	4:00pm
	Joe Quaranta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Jefferson seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting adjourned at 3:53pm.		

Upcoming Meeting Date:

February 22, 2024 from 3-5pm

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