

Connecticut State Innovation Model (SIM) Project
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee & Workgroups
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My name is Supriyo B. Chatterjee and I reside in West Hartford Connecticut. I would like to submit my comments for your consideration. On Friday July 31st, the Connecticut Department of Public Health – Office of Health Equity released the [CT DPH Health Equity Draft Strategic Plan](#) for Public Comments (end date Aug 29th). This project was funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Minority Health (OMH). The Plan is also an outcome from a series of “Culture of Health Equity” planning meetings held in May and June 2015 by CT DPH. The [CT Multicultural Health Partnership](#) (CTMHP) in its fiduciary duty to its 400 partnership members was present in the CT DPH meetings. Whereas, the partnership members were not informed by CTMHP leadership of the “Culture of Health Equity” meetings nor of any [CT DPH Health Equity Draft Strategic Plan](#) in process. For the record, CTMHP partnership members are not invited to [CTMHP Committee](#) meetings nor are any such meeting minutes made available. The CT Multicultural Health Partnership (CTMHP) is also funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Minority Health (OMH).

The CT DPH Health Equity Draft Strategic Plan spans the period 2015-2018 which overlaps the same period as that of Connecticut State Innovation Model (CT SIM) Project. For reason unclear, there is no mention of the CT SIM Project in the CT DPH Health Equity Draft Strategic Plan. In seeing that there is a common primary goal of health equity between both these major projects, one would gather there would be level of collaboration in the planning process of the CT DPH Health Equity Draft Strategic Plan. I would like to inquire if the State Healthcare Innovation Model (CT SIM) Project plans to submit Public Comments to the CT DPH Health Equity Draft Strategic Plan (by Aug 29th).

Thank you.

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CT SIM - Practice Transformation Task Force Meeting June 9th (under Public Comment)
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CT SIM - Equity and Access Council Meeting May 28th (under Public Comment)
http://www.healthreform.ct.gov/ohri/lib/ohri/work_groups/equity_access/2015_05_28/ctsim-may28.pdf

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