

What Does the Consumer Advisory Board Do?



- Provides advice and guidance on healthcare innovation policies
- Recommends consumer representatives to State Innovation Model (SIM) advisory groups
- Ensures meaningful consumer participation in healthcare policy decisions
- Engages consumers and promotes community input in SIM health care innovation planning and implementation

We are seeking consumers and advocates who are experienced in dealing with health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, asthma, arthritis, mental illness, or drug and alcohol abuse. We need a diverse and balanced mix of participants, and will consider life experience, individual circumstances, source of coverage, race/ethnicity, and health conditions. Candidates should be comfortable sharing views; have good problem-solving skills and be willing to work with others. Most of all, serving as a CAB member provides an opportunity to learn about healthcare in Connecticut, to advocate for change, and to be the voice of the consumer.

The CAB is made up of 17 voluntary members, two of whom represent the CT Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council (MAPOC), which provides oversight on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. One CAB member also serves as a representative to the Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee. In addition, the CAB recommends consumer representatives to serve on seven (7) different work groups. Approximately 50 individuals currently represent consumers in the capacity.

Background

Consumer Advisory Board Mission

To advocate for consumers and provide strong public and consumer input in Connecticut health reform policies.

Consumer Advisory Board Vision

The overarching vision of the CAB is to ensure that state healthcare innovations lead to positive health outcomes and fairness for consumers across Connecticut.

About the State Innovation Model

In December 2013, Connecticut developed a plan for a healthier state through a whole-person-centered health care system that improves community health and eliminates health inequities; ensures superior access, quality, and care experience; empowers people to actively participate in their health and healthcare; and improves affordability by reducing healthcare costs. CT received a federal SIM Design grant to begin the process of transforming healthcare in Connecticut. The CAB was established as one of the three governing bodies for this process. The CAB's major role is to promote and provide consumer involvement in this transformation. Under the SIM Model Test grant awarded December 2014, the CAB membership was increased and its activities expanded.

CAB Member Responsibilities

The CAB meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. Meetings are held in the Hartford area. Members are expected to attend these meetings. Members may also have the opportunity to serve on CAB subcommittees and other SIM work groups. There may be activities between meetings that members may be asked to participate in such as educational and listening sessions. To learn more about the CAB and our activities contact Deanna Chaparro at deanna.chaparro@ct.gov.

Application for Consumer Advisory Board Representatives

We invite consumers and advocates with diverse experiences to complete the following application. Please note that any information you share may become public, particularly with regard to health conditions. You should share only that information that you are comfortable making public. If you wish, you may submit a resume or bio with this application. Please limit these submissions to one page.

Name	Organization (if applicable)
Address/City/State/Zip Code	
Email Address	Phone Number
What does healthcare reform mean to you?	
Describe an experience in which you advocated for yourself, a family member, or a community member for improved healthcare.	
Describe your experience using the healthcare system, including, if you wish, health conditions that affect you. If you work as an advocate, please describe your experience working on behalf of others.	
What would you bring to healthcare reform discussions and how would your participation contribute to the overall process of improving healthcare?	
Please describe the health coverage experience that you would bring to the process regarding public or private health. For example, Medicare, HUSKY (Medicaid), Access Health CT or commercial insurance.	
Who do you work for and in what capacity? (if applicable)	
Do you have a possible conflict of interest? By conflict of interest we mean that you, or your employer, or your immediate family members could possibly benefit from the outcome of the decision process, financially or otherwise.	
By serving as a member of the CAB, you will be expected to attend one two-hour meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. Work assignments and communication may be required between meetings. Are you able to devote the time necessary to be an active participant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Describe your racial/ethnic background. (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African-American (not of Hispanic or Latino origin) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> White (not of Hispanic or Latino origin)	
Would you like to be considered for other vacancies? If so, we will hold your application for one year. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Mail application to: SIM PMO c/o Office of the Healthcare Advocate, PO Box 1543, Hartford, CT 06144