

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
State Innovation Model
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

Meeting Summary
September 13, 2018

Meeting Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 1D, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Members Present: LG Nancy Wyman; Patricia Baker; Mary Bradley; Patrick Charmel; Alyse Chin (for Miriam Delphin-Rittmon); Anthony Crowe (for James Michel); Mario Garcia (for Cmr Raul Pino); Suzanne Lagarde; Sharon Langer via conference line; Kate McEvoy (for Cmr Roderick Bremby); Robert McLean; Arlene Murphy (for Jeffrey Beadle); Frances Padilla; Joseph Quaranta; Elsa Stone; Jan VanTassel; Thomas Woodruff

Members Absent: Catherine Abercrombie; Anne Foley; Terry Gerratana; Alta Lash; Bruce Liang; Robin Lamott-Sparks; Kristina Stevens; Katherine Wade; Deremius Williams

Other Participants: Stephanie Burnham; Allan Hackney; Jenna Lupi; Fernando Morales; Laura Morris; Mark Schaefer

Call to Order and Introductions

LG Nancy Wyman, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. ([see meeting presentation here](#)).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Motion: to approve the August 9, 2018 Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee meeting summary – Jan VanTassel; seconded by Patricia Baker.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: All in favor.

Payment Reform Council Appointments

Dr. Robert McLean presented on the Personnel Subcommittee's recommended nominees for appointment to the Payment Reform Council.

Motion: to approve the recommended Personnel Subcommittee nominees for appointment to the Payment Reform Council – vote by saying I.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: All in favor.

Arlene Murphy presented on the Consumer Advisory Board's recommended nominees for appointment to the Payment Reform Council.

Motion: to approve the recommended Consumer Advisory Board nominees for appointment to the Payment Reform Council – Mary Bradley; seconded by Jan VanTassel.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: All in favor.

Primary Care Modernization Planning

This agenda item was postponed to later in the meeting.

Report to the Legislature on CHW Certification

Jenna Lupi presented on the report to the Legislature on Community Health Worker (CHW) certification. The Committee discussed the CHW Certification report. There was a question about whether there are organizations that can provide the continuing education credits that the certifying entity can certify. It was mentioned that there are recommendations to the Department of Public Health (DPH) and based on conversations they are flexible with CERs on what they count and do not count. Ms. Lupi said the Committee felt that there were opportunities out there.

There was a question regarding how quality will be assessed and the determination of what the quality of training experiences will be. It was noted that there is an advisory body that the CHW Advisory Committee is recommending that will assess the various training programs. They felt that participating in something is better than nothing and having a CHW participate in some sort of training would be helpful. They are recommending that the CHW advisory body serve in the role of what quality of training experiences will be. There was a question regarding eligibility requirements and whether the group discussed eligibility for those with a felony on their record. It was mentioned that group felt that this should be left to individual employers. It was mentioned that this may be addressed more when brought before legislation. The Committee discussed the felony on record issue. It was noted that there are different types of felonies and they should be examined. Concern was expressed about whether there should be background checks for felony records. It was mentioned that certain dynamics would need to be flushed out. There was a suggestion for the board to flag this issue.

The Committee discussed definition around internship, what constitutes internship, and sources of internships. It mentioned that the group is still working on this process and how internships will look. The hope is that employers and other organizations will offer internships. Community Colleges are doing internships. There was concern raised that training programs may have higher entry points and employers will only want higher certified CHWs. It was mentioned that two paths have been created for CHWs. It was mentioned that hopefully there will be diverse opportunities for CHWs and they will be in the communities. Dr. Schaefer and the Committee thanked Ms. Lupi for her help in completing this report.

Motion: to approve the report to the Legislature on CHW Certification – Patricia Baker; seconded by Joseph Quaranta.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: *All in favor.*

Primary Care Modernization Planning

Alyssa Harrington, of Freedman HealthCare, presented on the update on Primary Care Modernization (PCM). The Committee discussed PCM planning update. There was a discussion about consumer input. It was noted that consumer input will be ongoing. Ms. Harrington said they will be looking to have input throughout November and December. It was mentioned that the Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) is involved but they are referring to more extensive participation. It was stated that CAB worked to have consumers on each of the ten PCM design groups. It was noted that a lot of work has been done with regard to the design groups. There are physicians, consumers, employers, and other stakeholders participating on each of the design groups.

There are a few strategies that are being pursued to get consumers engaged in PCM such as having individual calls and in-person meetings. There will also be discussion forums in the upcoming weeks with consumer advocates and organizations about primary care in Connecticut. The meetings are open to the public and posted on the OHS website. It was mentioned that they are trying to get as many diverse perspectives in the room as possible. There will also be listening sessions with groups of consumers with specific areas of interest such as older adults and

organizations that server older adults, people with disabilities, and employees. The sessions will be held throughout the month of October.

The Committee talked about how to address a letter signed by 31 individuals/groups expressing concern. There was concern that it could undermine the efforts put into PCM. There was a suggestion to outreach to the individuals and groups to address concerns. It was mentioned that there may be several issues driving the concerns which may or may not include fundamental opposition of the plan, an underlying mistrust of what will be global budgeting, and wanting Medicaid to stay fee for service with no changes. It was mentioned that perhaps there hasn't been a clear communication of how we are trying to address the some of the incentives such as underservice. LG Wyman suggested thinking about meeting with smaller groups of people at a time to get the word out. There may be certain groups that may not understand what is going on. Members agreed with this approach.

Dr. Schaefer mentioned that there has been a long narrative of consumer involvement with consumers involved on each of the workgroups and committees. He noted that there has been a long standing collaborative relationship with consumers that has been building in a way that has been deeply influential in our work.

Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting – Suzanne Lagarde; seconded by Patricia Baker.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote: All in Favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm