

**State of Connecticut
State Innovation Model
Population Health Council**

Webinar Summary
November 30, 2017

Webinar Location: 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

Members Participating via Webinar: Steve Huleatt (Co-Chair), Pat Baker, Elizabeth Beaudin, Craig Clover, Tekisha Everette, Lisa Honigfeld, Martha Page, Carolyn Salsgiver, Hayley Skinner

Members Absent: Fred Browne, Garth Graham, Elizabeth Torres.

Other Attendees: DPH: Mario Garcia, Sandy Gill, Amy Smart, Kristin Sullivan; SIM PMO: Faina Dookh(via webinar), **Public Attendees:** UCONN APRN students Katie Grigg, Elizabeth Doty, Meagane Boston, Nonee Ngazimbi, Rolinsay Sainvil, Odie Pansius

Agenda and Webinar Presentation:

1. Overall SIM direction
2. Population Health Planning Pathway
3. Prevention Service Initiative – procurement update/next steps
4. CT Health Collaborative Survey
5. Identification of reference communities – Considerations for participation HEC definition/ Core Elements / Opportunities/ Challenges
6. Ad Hoc committee (SIM steering committee and population health council)
7. Timelines – Technical Assistance and implementation

Faina Dookh presented an introductory recap on SIM initiatives, stages of transformation and overall direction moving forward into HEC planning.

Trish Torruella presented updates on the Prevention Services Initiative (PSI) relating to progress selecting the Technical Assistance vendor and future solicitation of CBOs and AN/FQHCs.

Amy Smart presented results of the Community Health Collaborative Survey conducted by DPH and SIM consultant, HRiA, in September 2017. Survey findings will be used to inform further exploration and planning for HECs.

Mario Garcia introduced and explained the rationale for the working definition of Health Enhancement Communities. He discussed core elements (draft) of HEC in CT and presented anticipated opportunities and challenges to accomplish the HEC goals.

Questions and Feedback:

Pat Baker wanted to clarify whether the council was being asked to identify criteria for consideration of selection of an HEC.

Mario Garcia replied that the purpose of the seminar was to update members of the council about core elements of the plan, and as a result, it would be useful if council members provide advice on what to look for when identifying reference communities for planning purposes. In addition, the planning will benefit from council members' views about challenges to take into account. For example, should we engage communities within a wide range of capacity or should we aim to engage only those that show the greatest strength.

Pat Baker asked how many are you looking to engage in a learning process and are you asking the council to identify who we have to invest in that have potential for a HEC?

Mario Garcia indicated that is the sort of advice that the planning team is trying to obtain and that on the basis of those recommendations a solicitation will be developed and released early in 2018.

Steve Huleatt stated that they have not received enough information, that they are not ready to answer specific questions. What is the timeline?

Mario Garcia stated that the purpose of the information provided is to give a brief update on the work being done and begin to incorporate recommendation regarding both future challenges and how to work with reference communities. He said that because the team recognizes the complexity of the discussion and its ramifications, council members are invited to join the Ad Hoc SIM Steering Committee next week, for a more in depth discussion on this topic.

Steve Huleatt said that he will be happy to work with the Steering Committee Ad Hoc meeting.

Lyn Salsgiver said that there is a large enough population that have clear health needs, and the program will be working with limited budget, and therefore, she recommends to pick strong partnerships—the ones that already exist and go from there.

Tekisha Everette- the challenge is geographical representation—it's critical to assess the strengths in moving forward. Also trying to assess where the health disparities come in as part of the collaborative—areas to address.

Lisa Honigfeld indicated the need to ensure that the work of the collaborative contributes to address total population health and disparities. It can't just be them doing their own work in their own communities.

Mario Garcia inquired if any of the members would like to participate when the proposal is presented at the Health Innovation Steering Committee meeting on December 11th, 2017.

Steve Huleatt will attend.

Webinar meeting ended at 4:20 pm.

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