

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

Meeting Summary  
November 29, 2018

**Meeting Location:** Beacon Health Options, 500 Enterprise Drive, Rocky Hill, CT, Litchfield Rm.

**Members Present:** Pat Baker, Rick Brush, Steve Huleatt (Co-Chair), Jeanette Weldon, Hyacinth Yennie

**Members Participated via Teleconference:** Lisa Honigfeld, Carolyn Salsgiver, Martha Page, Elizabeth Beaudin

**Members Absent:** Frederick Browne, Craig Glover, Garth Graham, Tekisha D. Everette, Hayley Skinner, Elizabeth Torres, Susan Walkama (Co-Chair), Vincent Tufo, Hugh Penney

**Other Attendees:** DPH: Mario Garcia, Amy Smart, Kristin Sullivan, Trish Torruella, Laurie Ann Wagner, Mehul Dalal (via teleconference) SIM PMO: Mark Schaefer (via teleconference); HMA: Deb Zahn

**Call to Order:** Co-Chair Steve Huleatt called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm; a quorum was present.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

Council Member Pat Baker made a motion to approve the November 1, 2018 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Council Member Rick Brush. The minutes were approved with recommended amendments.

Debora Zahn, HMA Consultant presented the meeting objective—to determine whether to advance the Proposed HEC Framework (shorter document) and the Technical Report (longer document) to the Health Innovation Steering Committee (HISC) for their approval of a version to be released for public comment. The expectation is that this shorter document will be the one most people will read. She continued to say that even if the Council agrees to send the document to the HISC, this would not be the last opportunity to provide input. The PHC will have the opportunity to review the document again in early 2019 along with the public comments received. The document will be revised as appropriate, based on public comment and continued stakeholder and community engagement. The goal is to have the final document by the end of March 2019 in order to begin focusing on the HEC pre-procurement phase of work.

Please note that the HISC provided input on two key topics in the November 15, 2018 meeting: HEC structure—suggested refinements to propose structure; State Partnership for Health

Enhancement—agreed with concept. This input has already been incorporated into the documents received by the Council.

Deb Zahn also shared and discussed the Community Involvement: Potential Structure chart.

Discussion: The Population Health Council members had many questions and concerns regarding the way the chart was presented. It was noted by some of the members that the management roles were unclear. It was recommended by the Council to remove the figure entirely to avoid confusion and add additional details in the narrative on each component.

The Council also discussed and agreed that using the term “community organizing group” is very confusing and could be interpreted as something else than what the figure intends. Council members recommended changing the terminology from “Community Organizing Group” to simply “Community Group.”

The Council also made a recommendation to look into funding for the Health Enhancement Community Initiative project.

Council Member, Hyacinth Yennie made a motion to advance the Proposed HEC Framework and Technical Report (with changes recommended by the Council as discussed above and based on public comments) to the HISC with the recommendation that the HISC approve the documents to be released for public comment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rick Brush. The motion was approved.

**Next Meeting Date:** January 31, 2018

Council Member Pat Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm.