

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
State Innovation Model
Practice Transformation Task Force

Meeting Summary
April 10, 2018

Meeting Location: Webinar and Conference Call

Members Present: Susan Adams; Lesley Bennett; Mary Boudreau; Heather Gates; Anne Klee; Alta Lash; Kate McEvoy; Douglas Olson; Elsa Stone; Mark Vanacore; Jesse White-Frese

Members Absent: Grace Damio; Leigh Dubnicka; Garrett Fecteau; M.Alex Geertsma; Shirley Girouard; Rebecca Kaplan; Edmund Kim; Rowena Rosenblum-Bergmans; Andrew Selinger; Eileen Smith; Anita Soutier; Randy Trowbridge

Other Participants: SB Chatterjee; Ken Lalime; Jenna Lupi; Mark Schaefer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Lesley Bennett and Elsa Stone co-chaired the meeting. Members and other participants introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Summary

Approval of the meeting was deferred to the next Practice Transformation Taskforce meeting.

4. CCIP Program Update

Jenna Lupi reviewed the purpose of today's meeting and presented the Community and Clinical Integration Program (CCIP) update ([see presentation here](#)). She said they will discuss how things are going, the proposed changes, and walk through what was sent last week on streamlined standards. Ms. Lupi mentioned updated standards were sent out today with the meeting materials.

The CCIP strategy was split into waves. During the 1st wave, the CCIP Strategy was to provide technical assistance and transformation award funding to three participating entities (PEs). Ms. Lupi said they decided to move the PTTF meeting up to get input before the 2nd wave. The Task Force reviewed and discussed the CCIP update. It was noted that there was a process in place to make sure that efforts were not duplicated between the Practice Transformation Network (PTN) grant and CCIP. Several entities were not able to participate in CCIP due to the overlap in objectives between CCIP and PTN.

Dr. Schaefer reviewed the technical assistance strategy. He said the means by which the PEs get their technical assistance should be modified based on what was learned during Wave 1. He said they may subset a collaborative and there will be further discussion with the Department of Social Services (DSS).

5. Updated CCIP Standards Review and Discussion

Ms. Lupi reviewed the update on the CCIP Standards. Ms. Lupi said there were a few key changes made to all of them. She said they tried to have them focus on what is practicable, feasible, verifiable and sustainable within the time available and within the limitations of the current payment environment. Members discussed the streamlined updated standards. It was mentioned that we have retained the requirement that the Comprehensive Care Team include a community health worker (CHW) and a Behavioral Health Specialist as needed. There was a question of whether a screening would be required for every patient or as needed. It was suggested that this is confusing and should be rephrased and that the intent is not to back off of the behavioral health and CHW requirement. Dr. Schaefer said they can add language to the verbiage to make clear.

There was a discussion around Behavioral Health Integration. Concern was expressed regarding the removal of trauma and anxiety as required screenings. It was mentioned that anxiety leads to many other issues and trauma is the root of a variety of problems. The required screenings were removed for two key reasons. The Taskforce decided that more discussion may be needed around trauma and anxiety required screenings.

The Taskforce also discussed Health Equity Improvement part two. It was suggested that in addition to linguistically appropriate services, there should be an emphasis on providing culturally informed methods of patient engagement. It was noted that there is information out there about working to increase cultural awareness. It was mentioned that perhaps there could be more research and more bullets.

6. Adjourn

Dr. Schaefer said a recap and a link to the compendium of public comments on the Primary Care Payment Reform report will be sent out.

The Taskforce discussed the response to the comments. Dr. Schaefer suggested it would be great to have a Taskforce response. He said comments were received from various people and he looks forward to digging into the substance of the comments at the next PTTF meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.