

Connecticut State Innovation Model Work Stream Update



- CAB hosted a very successful Young Adult event at Manchester Community College, which took place on October 14, to engage the students around the changing healthcare landscape.
- The VBID fully-insured employer manual was released for public comment which is due November 25.
- The CHW Advisory Committee continued discussions around Certification and will move to establish a recommendation this month.
- The Quality Council approved the final draft of the Quality Council Report for review by the Steering Committee on November 10.
- The UConn Evaluation team began developing a survey to assess the AMH Pilot Program.
- The UConn Evaluation team continued discussions with other states regarding scorecard development and is developing a position paper to highlight the different approaches.
- Planning continued for the AMH practice recruitment event, a collaboration with DSS and the CSMS. The event will take place on December 8 and feature Marci Nielsen, President and CEO of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative.
- The Performance Year 1 Operational Plan was approved by CMMI.
- The CCIP and AMH Vendor Proposals were reviewed and evaluated, and the Vendors will be announced in mid-November. The CCIP Transformation Award applications were also reviewed and evaluated and will be announced in early November.
- The Director of Population Health and members of the SIM PMO attended the Healthcare Payment Learning and Action Network Conference which, among other items, focused on the development of Primary Care Payment models. Connecticut team attendees are preparing a summary of learnings for the Core Team.

Council/ Work Stream	Major Topics Covered	Progress/ Outputs	Next Steps	Upcoming Meetings
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC)	<i>VBID</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and approved draft fully-insured VBID employer manual for public comment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve Final versions of VBID Employer Manuals 	11/10/16
	<i>PCMH+</i> <i>HIT</i> <i>Population Health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCMH+ presentation and discussion of PCMH+ Member Notification Letter Discussed HIT, Population Health, and Operational Plan Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve final Quality Council Report Discuss HIT, PCMH+, and Care Delivery Reform Updates 	
Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)	<i>Consumer Engagement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted an event at Manchester Community College on October 14, engaging 25 students in an in-depth discussion on health care reform and how health care can be shaped to address young adult needs Completed the consumer friendly application and outreach process for new Consumer Advisory Board members Began recruitment process for consumers/advocates to fill vacancies on the CAB On 10/11, CAB hosted a webinar with consumer representatives on the alignment of Quality Council and Practice Transformation efforts Continued planning efforts, in conjunction with the Consumer Engagement Coordinator, to develop the Consumer Engagement Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue recruitment process for consumers/advocates to fill vacancies on the CAB, as well as other Committees Work with Consumer Engagement Coordinator to develop Communication Strategy CAB will communicate key findings from the Young Adult Forum to the Steering Committee and other SIM Workgroups 	11/16/16
Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No October Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input on transformation plan development for CCIP Participating entities 	12/13/16

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Health Information Technology (HIT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated meeting of the Health IT Council with special presentation by Patricia Mactaggart of the Office of the National Coordinator Drafted Implementation Advanced Planning Document Update (IAPD-U) to solicit 90/10 federal Medicaid match for planning activities related to extension of alert notification to all payers and eQCM, including support for HITO and HIT PMO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share draft IAPD-U with CMCS and submit final for approval Provider further information to Health IT Council regarding state's current modular approach to HIE and comparison with "all in one" solution Begin stakeholder engagement to better understand stakeholder needs and alternative strategies for HIE that have emerged in the past year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue working with the UConn Evaluation team to identify a desired scorecard design and process for implementation Review work stream alignment strategy 	State HIT Advisory Council: 11/17/16
Quality Council (QC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held a special meeting on 10/31 to provide final input on whether to retain pre-natal/post-partum timeliness measure (NQF 1517) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to hold work sessions to implement PCMH+. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to hold work sessions to implement PCMH+. 	11/9/16
Care Management Committee (CMC) (A sub- committee of <u>MAPOC</u>)	PCMH+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and commented on modifications in shared savings methodology (e.g. Use of a Minimum Savings Rate) that have been required by CMS Reviewed and commented on notices of December educational sessions for members and providers Considered additional feedback from providers on the proposed member notice letter and commented on revisions to the same 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to hold work sessions to implement PCMH+. 	11/16/16

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Population Health Planning (DPH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 10/28, Ms. Xi Zheng was hired as a SIM epidemiologist-2 in the DPH Health Statistics and Surveillance Section. She is undergoing orientation on BRFSS and the SIM project. • Staff began preparing an amendment of the ICF contract to offer the BRFSS survey for 2017. • DPH contracted with DSS for additional support of the BRFSS to include questions on adverse childhood experiences (ACES) in the 2017 survey. • On 10/31, staff made recommendations for hire of a new SIM epidemiologist-3, who is expected to be on board in November and begin orientation. • HRiA consultants provided preliminary results of an environmental scan on the 10/27 meeting of the Population Health Council. • Discussions around fiduciary ability, governance structure and detailed model components of Prevention Service Centers are taking place. • The Program Director attended the Healthcare Payment Learning and Action Network in Washington along with PMO staff. Discussion focused on the new proposed Primary Care Payment Model (PCPM). • The Program Director also attended a one day CMMI Technical Assistance at HHS headquarters. • DPH programs met with SIM staff to provide input reviewing actionable facts summarize it briefs and a planning matrix. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will continue to train Ms. Zheng in data analysis of the BRFSS, and will introduce her to the SIM program. • Staff expect to receive weights from the BRFSS contractor for local estimates. Staff will begin to explore generation of the estimates and their validity. • Update the detailed town population estimates program; calculate small-area health indicators; and identify communities with excess risk/poor outcomes. • The Population Health Council will address the PSC model elements and provide feedback on strategies for implementation. 	12/1/16	

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Person Centered Medical Home Plus (PCMH+, formerly MQISSP)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued meeting with CMS/CHN to discuss the PCMH+ design and implementation, utilizing the Concept Paper and other historical stakeholder materials Worked through first portion of implementation work plan in preparation for Jan 1 2016 Discussed adjustments to PCMH+ beneficiary notice DSS continued to engage with CMS toward approval of the Medicaid authority needed to make supplemental payments to FQHCs and shared savings payments to all Participating Entities, and anticipates soon submitting the required State Plan Amendment Work team developed training materials for Participating Entities and finalized plans for December educational sessions for members and providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue working through and developing membership communication materials and the oversight and monitoring plan. 	N/A

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Value-based Insurance Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fully-insured employer manual was approved by the Steering Committee for public comment due on November 25. The PMO and OSC continued to work with CBIA to plan the first learning collaborative event which was scheduled for October 20. Ultimately, the PMO and OSC decided to postpone the event to allow time for additional employers to register and to consider alternative ways to engage employers. The PMO partnered with the UConn Evaluation team to speak with a large CT payer regarding VBID measurement approaches. The PMO and UConn Team also spoke with Maine regarding their approach to VBID measurement. Both meetings were helpful in laying out the options for measuring baseline VBID penetration and annual measurements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request Final Approval from the Steering Committee on the fully insured and self-insured manuals. Work with CBIA and other business groups to devise a strategy for engaging more employers in Learning Collaborative events. Meet with health plans to discuss the development of VBID insurance templates for the fully-insured market. Continue work on measuring VBID penetration. 	No meetings currently scheduled	

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UConn Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convened 6th meeting of the CHW Advisory Committee on 10/20 to discuss results of the definition design group and continue discussion on certification. The committee adopted the definition proposed by the design group and made progress on certification, which a design group will look at in more detail. • Identified training resources for CHWs in core competencies and specialty areas for CCIP. • Revised evaluation plan to reflect new CCIP focus. Presented on SIM CHW Initiative at the CT Hospital Association asthma symposium on 10/13 and developed content for CHW website. • Hosted discussion on SIM and primary care for UConn health-professions students on 10/22. • Submitted successful proposal for Yale students to ID need for training in clinical use of CHWs for CCIP. <p>Non-SIM-Funded Related Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in APHA session on CHW-outcomes indicators. • CHW Initiative included as a subject expert in the Hispanic Health Council's Community Health Insurance Reform for the People initiative grant awarded by the CT Health Foundation. • Participated in discussion with 1199 Training Fund about opportunities to offer CHW training to CNAs. • Facilitated 48-hour CHW training series for CT's Early Detection and Prevention Program and met with Housatonic CC to discuss a community partnership with various educational initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene certification design group. • Convene 7th meeting of the CHW Advisory Committee on 11/17. • Present on the SIM CHW Initiative at the CPHA annual conference on 11/10. • Participate in planning meetings with CCIP vendor, identify best approaches and resources for CHW integration, and begin preparing CHW strategies for PCMH+ participating entities. 	11/17/16	

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UCONN Evaluation	Dashboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued data acquisition for 1/1/17 dashboard publication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue data acquisition and analysis for 1/1/17 dashboard publication 	N/A
	Care Experience Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued RFP for data collection vendor Continued communications with plans about sample Continued discussions with other SIM States about their online health care quality scorecards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete review of responses to RFP and select vendor Update timeframe for survey after discussions with plans 	
	Public Scorecard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared presentation on scorecard groundwork and decision points for November Quality Council Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete discussions with other States Present groundwork and decision points to Quality Council 	
	Reporting to CMMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared draft timeline for initial scorecard publication Attended monthly call with National Evaluators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize timeline Attend monthly call with National Evaluators 	
	AMH Program Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended reporting template Worked with PMO to create AMH Program Evaluation plan Prepared draft survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize reporting templates Finalize and administer AMH survey 	
Advanced Medical Home Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RFP closed to identify a vendor who will provide transformation services to the first cohort of primary care practices in our AMH Program. Proposals are currently under review. Planning continued for an AMH practice recruitment event, in collaboration with DSS and the CSMS. The event will be held on December 8 and will feature Marci Nielsen of the PCMH Collaborative. This event will help achieve the goal of recruiting 150 practices for transformation services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review proposals and select a vendor to provide AMH transformation services Continue planning for AMH practice recruitment event on December 8. Continue providing transformation services for AMH Vanguard Program. 	N/A

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Program Management Office (PMO)	CCIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received final approval on the Performance Year 1 Operational Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce CCIP Vendor and Transformation Awardees and execute contracts. 	N/A
	AMH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked with DSS and CSMS to plan AMH recruitment event to take place December 8 Oversaw CCIP Vendor Selection Process, and currently working on contract negotiation Oversaw CCIP Transformation Award Selection Process and solicited additional information from potential awardees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce AMH Vendor and execute contracts Continue planning efforts around AMH recruitment event 	

ACRONYMS

APCD – All-Payers Claims Database

AHCT – Access Health Connecticut

BRFSS – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

CAB – Consumer Advisory Board

CCIP – Clinical & Community Integration Program

CHW – Community Health Worker

CMC – Care Management Committee

CMMI – Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovations

DPH – Department of Public Health

DSS – Department of Social Services

EAC – Equity and Access Council

EHR – Electronic Health Record

HISC – Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

HIT – Health Information Technology

MAPOC – Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council

MOA – Memorandum of Agreement

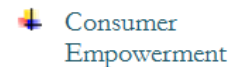
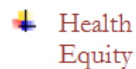
MQISSP – Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program

PCMH – Patient Centered Medical Home

PMO – Program Management Office

PTTF – Practice Transformation Task Force

QC – Quality Council



SIM – State Innovation Model

FQHC – Federally Qualified Health Center


RFP – Request for Proposals

OSC – Office of the State Comptroller


VBID – Value-based Insurance Design

The purpose of this document is to raise awareness among members of SIM Governance and SIM-funded work stream leads so that they can stay up-to-date about SIM progress, understand their work in context, and spot inter-dependencies where collaboration or coordination may be beneficial

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Equity

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Quality

 Consumer
Empowerment

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