

Connecticut State Innovation Model Work Stream Update




- The Steering Committee voted to accept, with respect to private payers and Medicare, the recommendations of the Practice Transformation Task Force and the Community Health Worker Advisory Committee on Primary Care Payment Models, including: health plans and Medicare should pursue a PCPM that increases the amount of money dedicated to primary care and includes the utilization of CHWs.
- DSS completed a draft of the Wave 2 RFP for PCMH+. Wave 2 is scheduled to launch in January, 2018.
- Preliminary themes from the HIT stakeholder engagement/ environmental scan were [presented](#) at the March 16 statewide Health IT Advisory Council meeting. Over 60 stakeholder groups and 150 individuals have been interviewed, participated in focus groups, or been surveyed from around the state. Final findings will be presented during the April 20th meeting.
- The Evaluation Team developed an [exercise](#) for Quality Council members to complete in order to assess public scorecards from other states. The findings will be used to identify key features and use cases for the CT scorecard.
- DPH released the [2015 BRFSS report](#) which included a new section on five-year statewide trends of major health indicators.
- The [VBID Resources page](#) was launched on the SIM website for employers seeking guidance on VBID implementation.
- The CHW Advisory Committee released their final [recommendations on Certification](#) for CHWs.
- Qualidigm began working with the CCIP Participating Entities (PEs) to complete the readiness assessments, which will inform each PE's individual transformation plan to achieve the CCIP Standards.


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Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC)	<i>PCPM</i> <i>PCMH+</i> <i>CHW</i> <i>CAB</i> <i>Quality Council</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed Primary Care Payment Models (PCPMs) and voted to accept, for private payers and Medicare, the recommendations of the CHW Advisory Committee and Practice Transformation Task Force on PCPMs Received detailed update on PCMH+ Received update on CHW certification recommendations Appointed new consumer representatives to the CAB and Quality Council (Full March 9 Presentation here) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive update on transformation planning for CCIP 	4/13/17
Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)	<i>Consumer Engagement</i> <i>PCPM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued planning for diabetes support forum Continued planning for Young Adult Youth summit Continue planning for Community Catalyst consumer engagement workshop scheduled for June Stakeholder engagement session on Primary Care Payment Reform, discussed implications for consumer impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold Diabetes Support Forum on April 28 to engage the African-American community in New Britain Hold Young Adult Youth summit for young adults with disabilities to help guide their transition into adult care 	4/11/17
Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF)	<i>PCPM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed Primary Care Payment Models and provided feedback on research and recommendations presented by the Qualidigm team Recommended that Connecticut payers implement primary care payment reform, pursue CPC+, and increase the amount of money dedicated to primary care through these reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion on Primary Care Payment Models and provide additional recommendations 	4/11/17

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Health Information Technology (HIT)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 60 stakeholder groups and 150 individuals have been interviewed, participated in a focus group or surveyed for the HIT engagement/environmental scan. Through this process, the environmental scan will provide the current HIT landscape, describe opportunities and challenges that the stakeholders face as it relates to HIT and help inform a strategic vision for the state. Secondly, the stakeholder engagement assists in building trust and buy-in with how the state will proceed. Preliminary themes from the stakeholder engagement/ environmental scan were presented at the March 16 statewide Health IT Advisory Council meeting. A more robust environmental scan findings will be presented at the April 20th statewide council meeting. The eCQM design group has met weekly to identify and recommend the objectives and requirements of an efficient, shared, statewide health IT-enabled eCQM solution in the context of Alternative Payment models. At this time, the eCQM Design group is working through validating functional requirements for this system with plans to present findings at the April 20th statewide HIT Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Stakeholder Engagement activities by April 15th. Continue weekly meetings of the eCQM design group 	HIT Advisory Council: 4/20/17 eCQM Design Group: Weekly, Tuesdays 10-11:30
Quality Council (QC)	Public Scorecard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and completed exercise designed by the evaluation team to assess public scorecard elements from other states 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review summary of assessment responses and determine key elements and clear use cases for CT scorecard 	5/10/17

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Care Management Committee (CMC) (A sub-committee of <u>MAPOC</u>)	<i>PCMH+</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented at March CMC meeting the compliance review plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend April CMC work session to discuss underservice mitigation strategy 	4/13/17

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- The DPH released the [2015 BRFSS report](#) which included a new section on five-year statewide trends of major health indicators.
 - The SIM Health Statistics staff developed maps to assist in visualizing the SIM priority areas and aid in the selection of potential PSC demonstration sites.
 - The SIM epidemiologists continue working on inter-census population estimates for 2011-14.
 - BRFSS team developed methods to measure health indicators in subdivisions of the state made of individual or town aggregates.
 - SIM staff prepared prevalence maps at the local level of Diabetes, Asthma, Hypertension and depression
 - DPH contractor (HRiA) is making progress conducting an environmental scan of CBOs working in the SIM epicenters selected by the Council.
 - PSC Planning entered into a phase of community engagement through a series of listening sessions. Three focus groups were conducted this month attended by representatives of CBOs from cities and towns around Bridgeport, New Haven and Middletown.
 - The [Population Health Council met](#) to review preliminary feedback from the focus groups and to receive an update on the progress towards developing a system of regional metrics of total population health.
 - The Health Systems action group of the State Health Improvement Plan continues to be informed by the activities of the SIM project in the areas of prevention, improved quality of primary care and workforce (CHWs) initiatives.
- Finalize population models for all age groups
 - BRFSS local area report will be released to the public
 - Align all regional metrics with SIM prevention priorities and PSC menu of services.
 - Continue the series of focus groups planned for SIM epicenters
 - Finalize CBO environmental scan
 - Explore PSC financial viability options with traditional and non-traditional payers.

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Person Centered Medical Home Plus (PCMH+, formerly MQISSP)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued working through the Performance Year 1 work plan Draft of Wave 2 RFP completed by DSS Weeks of August 7 and August 28 set for compliance onsite reviews PE reporting template developed and revised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue refining Wave 2 RFP draft Schedule individual compliance onsite reviews with each PE Finalize PE reporting tool 	N/A
Value-based Insurance Design		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued planning efforts for upcoming engagement events including April 27 CTBGH workshop and union-focused June event Began VBID assessments with payers Launched new VBID resource page for employers looking to implement VBID plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host April 27th VBID workshop with the CT Business Group on Health Complete VBID assessments with all payers and share results with SIM governance Plan for May 23rd VBID Consortium meeting Continue assessing strategies for working with universities, unions, and human resources specialists to promote VBID uptake 	5/23/17

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UCONN Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked to develop a TA plan for CHW integration as part of CCIP. • Convened the 9th and 10th meetings of the CHW Advisory Committee via webinar on 3/2/17 and in-person on 3/21/17 respectively. Recommendations for Certification and Sustainable Funding options were approved for CHWs in CT. • Conferenced with Qualidigm on 3/2/17 and shared materials from national consultants for producing a CHW overview webinar to PEs. Also, shared final versions for distribution of two manuals on 3/31/17: Readiness and Recruitment and Hiring. • Presented preliminary certification recommendations to the HISC on 3/9/17 and described the process by which they were achieved. • Submitted 3rd draft of the CHW Advisory Committee report (white paper) to PMO on 3/30/17 for feedback. • Gathered input from Carl Rush and Joanne Calista regarding the form and content of additional resources to be included on the CHW website. • Presented at the Health CY 2020 State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP) Advisory Council meeting on 3/29/17 to provide updates on SB 126 – An Act Concerning CHWs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize CHW Advisory Committee report (White Paper). • Convene a focus group with CHWs to inform website resources. • Meet with Qualidigm in-person on 4/6/17 to further develop a TA plan for CHW integration as part of CCIP. • Develop partners and a strategy for CHW apprenticeship in CT. 	6/1/17

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UCONN Evaluation	VBID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued data acquisition and analysis for the 4/1/17 dashboard Continued work on the Alternative Payment Model Template and associated materials Began VBID survey data collection Drafted Evaluation At a Glance document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish 4/1/17 dashboard Data acquisition and analysis for 7/1/17 dashboard publication Finalize APM template and associated materials Continue VBID survey data collection Finalize Evaluation At a Glance document 	N/A
	CAHPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued communications with plans about sample and survey activities for 2017 Held discussion with CT DSS about potential augmented sample Developed release of funds request for 2017 CAHPS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize survey materials and sampling strategy Finalize agreement with DSS about supplemental sample 	
	Public Scorecard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented scorecard presentation exercise and survey to Quality Council Distributed and completed scorecard survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze results of scorecard survey and report to Quality Council 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued data acquisition plan for required metrics and amended reporting metrics as needed Continued data acquisition efforts for metric reporting Attended monthly call with National Evaluators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend monthly call with National Evaluators Continue data acquisition activities for required reporting 	

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Community and Clinical Integration Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalized all CCIP Transformation Award Contracts. Designated epicenters for Community Health Collaboratives: New Haven, Bridgeport, and Middletown. Qualidigm worked to develop and began implementing readiness assessments to establish the Participating Entities' baseline progress on the CCIP standards. Qualidigm continued to enhance the implementation package which includes the roadmap for CCIP technical assistance, learning collaboratives, and community health collaboratives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to collect data from PEs through the readiness assessments. This data will highlight needed areas of focus to enable PEs to achieve the CCIP standards. Begin to develop individual transformation plans for each PE based on the outcomes of the readiness assessments. Begin environmental scan of designated Community Health Collaborative areas to identify existing collaboratives or natural partners for new collaboratives. 	N/A
Advanced Medical Home Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued working with Qualidigm on recruitment efforts. 36 applications have been received to date. Qualidigm continued providing technical assistance to the AMH practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the 2017 NCQA PCMH Standards and determine necessary changes to the AMH Standards 	N/A
Program Management Office (PMO)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued stakeholder engagement to support Primary Care Payment Model project. Worked with Qualidigm to produce FAQs on Primary Care Payment Models. Continued to prepare Medicare Data Request to RESDAC for APCD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Performance Year 2 Operational Plan 	

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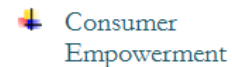
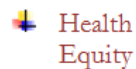
APCD – All-Payers Claims Database

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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