



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NANCY WYMAN

Health Care Cabinet

September 13, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Cabinet Attendees: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, Chair; Ellen Andrews; Phil Boyle; Roderick Bremby; Jeannette DeJesús; Bonita Grubbs; William Handelman; Jamesina Henderson; Dory McGrath (for Terrence Macy); Donna Moore; John Oraziotti; Frances Padilla; Margaret Smith; Robert Tessier

Absent: Patricia Baker, Vice Chair; Anne Foley; Janice Gruendel; Steven Hanks; Joette Katz; Kevin Lembo; Thomas Leonardi; Jeffrey Lucht; Jewel Mullen; Pat Rehmer; Linda St. Peter; Vicki Veltri; Joanne Walsh

1. Call to Order | Lt. Governor Wyman

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman opened the meeting at 9:00 am by welcoming all attendees.

2. Public Comment | Lt. Governor Wyman

There was no public comment.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes | Lt. Governor Wyman

Minutes from the July 10, 2012 regular meeting were approved with no changes.

4. Office of Health Reform & Innovation Updates | Special Advisor Jeannette DeJesús

Special Advisor Jeannette DeJesús reported that the Office continues to identify grant possibilities. \$6 million has been received to establish the All-Payer Claims Database.

5. State Innovation Model Grant Update | Special Advisor Jeannette DeJesús

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid services is offering an opportunity for states to apply for funding to create an innovation model for health reform implementation or to implement one.

The Office will apply for model development; however there has been very little time to develop the proposal, which is due next week. Lieutenant Governor Wyman has asked the Office to take the lead on this process which has included forming a working group from across state government and the public and private sectors. Special Advisor DeJesús also spoke of applying for a grant from the National Governors' Association (NGA) to receive technical assistance around the application. Six states will be chosen to receive grant monies. If received, this grant will fund a six month process for creating a statewide innovation plan around health reform. Special Advisor DeJesús added that Connecticut is already doing much to advance health reform in terms of state agencies and multiple community based organizations, businesses and payers. The plan is to discuss what is already in place, how it's being done and where it will go next. This will then be included in a larger planning initiative, thus building, enhancing and strengthening what is already being done. The initiative seeks to facilitate delivery system reform that is supported by payment reform, while reducing and curbing health care costs and improvement of health outcomes among the population.

6. Health Technology Work Group Presentation | Roderick Bremby

Commissioner Bremby and Dr. Victor Villagra, co-chairs of the Health Technology Work Group, presented the group's recommendations to the Cabinet.

The first recommendation was for the creation of a State Office of the Health Information Technology (HIT) Coordinator. This new office would coordinate the efforts of the State health and human services agencies to jointly improve the State's HIT functions and processes in order to improve outcomes for consumers, the State, and other stakeholders.

The second recommendation was for the establishment of a State HIT convening forum. This forum would bring together a broad range of stakeholders to hold ongoing discussions and exchange ideas regarding the improvement of the State HIT infrastructure.

Commissioner Bremby and Dr. Villagra said that the Work Group had completed its work, and members would assist with the transition to the recommended new entities.

7. Work Group Updates

All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) | Special Advisor Jeannette DeJesús

The State has been awarded a \$6 million grant to establish the All-Payer Claims Database. The Office of Health Reform & Innovation continues to work on planning for the APCD, including preparing regulations and a budget. Further information is available [online](#).

Basic Health Plan | Special Advisor Jeannette DeJesús

This group has identified the questions which need to be answered in order to evaluate the Basic Health Plan option for Connecticut. The group is working with consultants from the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and is also working with an actuarial consultant,

to answer these questions. Information on this group's activities is available on the website, [Basic Health Plan](#).

Business Plan Development Work Group | Frances Padilla

The group had presented preliminary recommendations to the Cabinet in June and has been working to further refine these. This work group plans to present a report with final recommendations to the Cabinet at the October meeting. Additional information on the Business Plan Work Group, including preliminary recommendations, is posted [online](#).

Consumer Advisory Board | Special Advisor Jeannette DeJesús

Members of the Consumer Advisory Board have been participating in Work Group and Exchange meetings. The Consumer Advisory Board will have an important role in the State Innovation Model planning process.

Delivery System Innovation | Pat Baker

This work group's information is posted [online](#).

8. Health Insurance Exchange Update | Kevin Counihan

The Exchange received a \$107 million Level II grant from the federal government, which included the funding for the APCD. As of this meeting, Connecticut was one of only six states to have received a Level II grant. The Exchange continues to work toward taking all necessary steps to be operational in the fall of 2013. Several senior staff members have recently been hired, and negotiations are ongoing with a system integration vendor. Health plans have indicated interest in participating in the Exchange. The Exchange will be moving into new office space in downtown Hartford in December.

9. Next Steps

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.