

## Community Health Subgroup Meeting Minutes February 23, 2022

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
February 23, 2022	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

### Participant Name and Attendance

Community Health Subgroup Members and Attendance			
Kate Breslin	R	Martha Page	R
Rick Brush	R	Deb Polun	X
Angie DeMello	R	Lyn Salsgiver	R
Paul Dworkin	R	Megan Smith	R
Kiley Gosselin	X	Lisa TepperBates	X
Rita Kuwahara	X	Orlando Velazco	R
Ashley McAuliffe	X		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants			
Kelly Sinko, OHS	R	Brent Miller, OHS	R
Hanna Nagy, OHS	R	Jeannina Thompson, OHS	R
Deb Zahn, Consultant	R		
R=Attended Remotely; IP=In Person; X=Did not attend			

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Community-Health-Subgroup/Meeting-Agendas>

Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
<b>1. Welcome and Roll Call</b> The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Health Subgroup (CHS) was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 by webinar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brent Miller welcomed subgroup members and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>Attendance was taken by roll call. It was determined that a quorum was present.</li> </ul>	<b>Brent Miller, OHS</b>
<b>2. Public Comment</b> There was no public comment.	<b>Members of the Public</b>
<b>3. Approval of the December 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martha Page motioned to approve the minutes of the Community Health Subgroup's December 15, 2021 meeting. Lyn Salsgiver seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.</li> </ul>	<b>Members of the CHS</b>
<b>4. HET Update and STRETCH Initiative</b> Brent Miller, presented on the Health Equity Trust (HET) update and the STRETCH Initiative ( <a href="#">see meeting presentation here</a> ).  Highlights of the presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Equity Trust Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In December 2021, the Connecticut Health Foundation awarded OHS a \$25k grant for the further development of the Health Equity Trust</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Brent Miller, OHS</b>

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- The goals of these funds are to:
    - Develop the financial structure of the trust to be viable
    - Develop the legal components for the trust to be operational
  - The HET design group met regularly in 2021 in the creation of a draft framework
  - The HET design group will meet one more time in 2022 to review the framework
  
- Strategies To Repair Equity and Transform Community Health Initiative (STRETCH)
  - The goals are to:
    - Design meaningful, lasting systems change to create inclusive, equitable public health systems
    - Embed equity into priorities, programs, policies, and practices
    - Leverage new funding through financing strategies to drive impact
  - As part of the initiative, we receive:
    - CDC Fellow- to help move our projects forward and takes on the role that we need.
    - One-on-one technical assistance- tailored to OHS/DPH needs and objectives, and includes state, community, and leadership opportunities.
    - Capacity building- strengthening team with mentorship, technical assistance, relations, policies, and practices.
  - A detailed list of expectations was reviewed.
  - An overview of the technical assistance, focus areas, and next steps were provided.

Several discussions ensued, for more information please see the link below.

[https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/CHSG\\_Meeting\\_Recording\\_02232022.mp4](https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/CHSG_Meeting_Recording_02232022.mp4)

### 5. HEC Update

**Deb Zahn, Consultant**

Deb Zahn presented the Health Enhancement Community (HEC) Initiative update.

- An overview of the key threads and vital parts of the HEC initiative were reviewed.
  - Focus on health equity
  - Focus on underlying conditions and manifestations of them in the communities
  - Support for community-driven change and power
  - Flexible funds
  - Long-term horizon
- The types of funding and financing needed.
  - The types of funds include new funds, flexible funds, and outcome funds.
  - Horizon for dollars for the initial/development results and ongoing operations.
- The goals outlined for this phase were provided.
  
- The support that will be needed going forward and opportunities were reviewed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group discussed the HEC presentation.</li> </ul> <p>Several discussions ensued, for more information please see the link below.  <a href="https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/CHSG_Meeting_Recording_02232022.mp4">https://ctvideo.ct.gov/ohs/CHSG_Meeting_Recording_02232022.mp4</a></p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Meeting Adjournment</b>	<b>All</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The motion was made by Lyn Salsgiver and seconded by Rick Brush to adjourn the meeting.</li> <li>The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.</li> </ul>	

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