

Connecticut Statewide Health Information Technology Plan

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Connecting and Innovating for Better Health

Connecting the Dots to Improve Outcomes:

Eliminating Barriers to Protect and Care for Connecticut Children in Need

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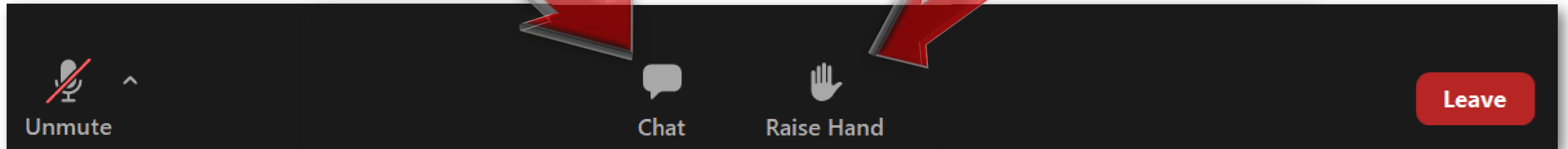


Participating in the Virtual Forum

Use the **Chat** to engage with all participants*

To respond verbally use the **Raise Hand** option, and we will unmute you

*Please select “All panelists and attendees”



Opportunities to participate in several polls throughout the forum

Communication with your peers in the chat is highly encouraged

“Stack” in the chat box using “+++” when you agree with someone’s point

Quick Poll #1

A Message from the Office of Health Strategy Executive Director

VICKI VELTRI, JD, LLM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Victoria Veltri, JD, LLM, is the Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy, appointed to serve as the first head of this agency in February 2018. She was reappointed by Governor Ned Lamont in 2019 to oversee the office's mission to implement comprehensive, data driven strategies that promote equal access to high quality health care, control costs and ensure better health for the people of Connecticut.



“Connecting and Innovating for Better Health” Virtual Forums Series

February – March 2021



6 interactive forums in February and March to inform the State HealthIT Plan

Hosted by the Office of Health Strategy and CedarBridge Group

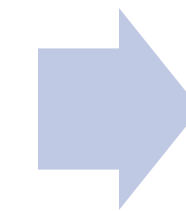
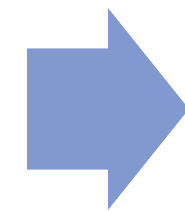
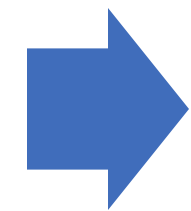


Input will be synthesized to identify major themes for health data advancement in Connecticut



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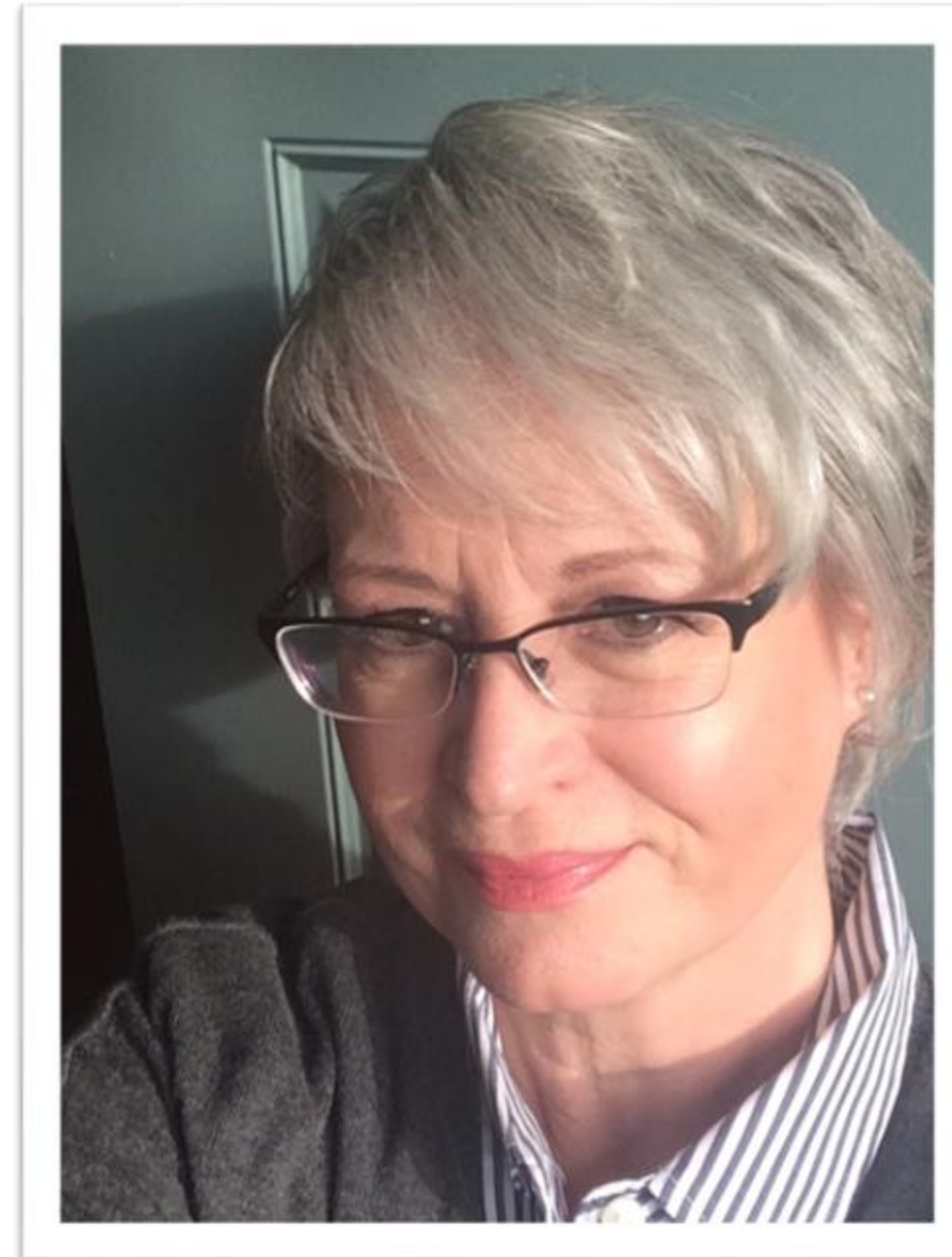
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Wrap Up
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Steps

Five-Year Statewide HealthIT Plan Strategies



Brenda Shipley
HealthIT Senior Program Manager
Office of Health Strategy

About the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS)

- Fully established in 2018 - Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-754a
- Charge:
 - ✓ Developing and implementing a comprehensive and cohesive health care vision for Connecticut
 - ✓ Promoting effective health care planning and quality of care for the state
 - ✓ Coordinating state's health information technology initiatives
 - ✓ Overseeing multi-payer care delivery and payment reforms



Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17b-59a(3)(c) Requires a Statewide HealthIT Plan

“The executive director of the Office of Health Strategy shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services and the State Health Information Technology Advisory Council... implement and periodically revise the state-wide health information technology plan... and shall establish electronic data standards to facilitate the development of integrated electronic health information systems for use by health care providers and institutions that receive state funding.”

Principles for Developing the Five-Year Statewide HealthIT Plan

Align

- Business strategies
- Priorities



Leverage Existing Investments

- Identify and add value to local efforts
- Maximize benefit from existing tools



Shared Goal:
Data Availability, Accuracy, and Interoperability

Validate Input

- Share draft recommendations
- Solicit public engagement



Inclusivity

- Create spaces for broad feedback
- Conduct comprehensive environmental scan



High Level Timeline for HealthIT Plan Development

Q1 2021

- Review historical documents
- Host virtual stakeholder forums
- Conduct electronic surveys
- Key informants interviews

Q2 2021

- Synthesize input
- Incorporate HITAC guidance
- Draft findings and recommendations
- Present to HITAC

Q3 2021

- Stakeholder feedback
- Validate stakeholder input
- Revise recommendations

Q4 2021

- Draft State HealthIT Plan
- Finalize for HITAC/OHS approval

Current State of HealthIT & Data for Children in Need

Current Health IT and Data Landscape



How do current IT systems and data support the health needs of children in foster care in CT?

Quick Poll #2 and Discussion

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What gaps are there in IT systems and technology for those serving CT children in need?

Quick Poll #3 and Discussion

Quick Poll #4 and Discussion

Current Health IT and Data Landscape



How do current IT systems and data support the health needs of children in foster care in CT?

What gaps are there in IT systems and technology for those serving CT children in need?

How would you describe the effectiveness of data and technology systems for supporting children and youth with special health care needs*?

*Children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) are those who have or are at increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions and also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally, according to the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Quick Poll #5 and Discussion

Current Health IT and Data Landscape



How do current IT systems and data support the health needs of children in foster care in CT?

What gaps are there in IT systems and technology for those serving CT children in need?

How would you describe the effectiveness of data and technology systems for supporting children with disabilities or special health care needs?

What does your organization and community need to collect data on social risk factors and trauma?

Quick Poll #6 and Discussion

Future Priorities for HealthIT and Data

Rank Voting

What are your top three priorities for the healthIT plan to address?

In the chat box, please list the numbers of your priority choices, in the order of priority (e.g., 1 – top priority, 7 – second priority, 2 – third priority)

#	Priority Options
1	Accessible school health data
2	Data sharing between healthcare providers and community organizations
3	Improved timeliness and accuracy of caregiver background information
4	Investments in population health analytics and dashboards
5	Linking community systems with state and local foster/child welfare systems
6	Collecting and using data on adverse childhood experiences
7	Technologies to support providers during home visits
8	Systems to support integrated community information exchange
9	Access to complete client medical records at the point of care
10	Improved protections for client privacy and security of personal data



In Your Own Words: Describe the Ideal Future State where Children's Health and Wellbeing are Improved through Data Sharing & Technology



- How can technology and data sharing improve care and services?
- Provide feedback on what resources are needed for data sharing and technology investments

Raise Hand

Post in Chat

Roundtable

For additional questions or feedback, please email:
cthealthitplan@cedarbridgegroup.com

For more information, visit the OHS website: http://bit.ly/ct_hit_plan

Wrap Up & Next Steps

Stakeholder Forums & Dates

Register at: http://bit.ly/ct_hit_plan

Title	Date and Time
Behavioral Health & Everyone Else: Sharing Sensitive Data Without Compromising Privacy	February 23, 2021 10:00 – 12:00 PM Eastern
Integrating Social Needs Data: Knowing the Person Really Matters when Delivering Person-Centered Care	February 26, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern
Prepare, Care, Protect, Measure, and Monitor: Technology and Data Needs for a Strong Public Health System	March 2, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern

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Connecting the Dots to Improve Outcomes: Eliminating Barriers to Protect and Care for Connecticut Children in Need	March 12, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern
Timely Information Moving Between Long Term Care, Emergency Medical Services, Hospitals & Health Systems, and Primary Care	March 23, 2021 10:00 – 12:00 PM Eastern
Prioritizing and Governing Investments: Secure, Person-Centered Health IT for Residents of Connecticut	March 26, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern

Thank you!

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