

Primary Care and Community Health Reforms Work Group

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
January 26, 2021	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

Primary Care and Community Health Reforms Work Group Members					
Lesley Bennett (Chair)	X	April Greene	X	Noami Nomizu	X
Rowena Bergmans	X	Karen Hlavac	X	Martha Page	X
Rick Brush	X	Lisa Honigfeld	X	Lori Pennito	X
Stephanie Caiazzo	X	Hugh Penney	X	Deb Polun	X
Seth Clohosey	X	Anne Klee		Lyn Salsgiver	X
Grace Damio	X	David Krol	X	Marie Smith	X
Angie DeMello		Rita Kuwahara	X	Rachel Southard	
Paul Dworkin	X	Ken Lalime	X	Elsa Stone (Vice Chair)	X
Mario Garcia	X	Alta Lash		Randy Trowbridge	X
Heather Gates	X	Kate McEvoy	X	Lisa Trumble	X
Shirley Girouard	X	Leslie Miller	X	Tom Woodruff	X
Others Present					
Sean Fogarty, OHS		Hanna Nagy, OHS		Victoria Veltri, OHS	
Jamal Furqan, CedarBridge		Don Ross, CedarBridge		Roy Wang, OHS	
Brent Miller, OHS		Kelly Sinko, OHS		Deb Zahn	

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Primary-Care-Work-Group/Meeting-Agendas>

Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Housekeeping Items	Lesley Bennett
<p>The regularly scheduled meeting of the Primary Care and Community Health Reforms Work Group (PCCHR) was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 via Zoom. Lesley Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. PCCHR member attendance was taken by roll call. Ms. Bennett reviewed some housekeeping items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict of Interest Forms - Members are requested to review, complete, and send a copy of the signed Conflict of Interest form to the Office of Health Strategy. • Approval of December 22nd Meeting Minutes - The motion was made by Rowena Bergmans and seconded by Martha Page to approve the December 22, 2020 PCCHR meeting summary. Abstained: Deb Polun Discussion: Ms. Bennett mentioned that an amendment was made about a spelling error. 	

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	Voice vote. The motion passed.	
2.	Public Comment	Lesley Bennett
	<p>Ms. Bennett said that she received a couple of requests from some consumers/advocates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are requesting that members refrain from using terms such as upstream and downstream or clearly define them. • They are requesting the definition that PCCHR is using for Community Health and Population Health. <p>There was no public comment.</p>	
3.	Health Enhancement Program (HEP)	Tom Woodruff, PhD, OSC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Woodruff, from the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), presented on the Health Enhancement Program (see the presentation here). • OSC convenes a monthly Health Care Cost Containment Committee regarding labor management. • HEP targets preventative care and chronic disease management and lowers costs for participating /compliant employees. The Work Group discussed the Health Enhancement Program presentation. 	
4.	Health Enhancement Communities (HEC)	Deb Zahn, Independent Consultant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Zahn, an independent consultant, presented on the Health Enhancement Communities (see the meeting presentation here). Ms. Zahn reviewed the HEC primary priorities, goals, and status. • A current focus is on establishing a Health Equity Trust Connecticut and pursuing other sustaining financing strategies opportunities in Connecticut. • There was a discussion about the Health Enhancement Communities presentation and how it relates to primary care. A definition of “community health” from the approved HEC Technical Report was provided. 	
5.	Facilitated Discussion - Guiding Principles	Hanna Nagy, OHS Don Ross, CedarBridge
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanna Nagy provided an overview of the guiding principles. She spoke about the feedback received from PCCHR members on the draft guiding principles. There were 11 commenters and several themes identified in the feedback. • The shared principles of primary care were reviewed. • Don Ross, of CedarBridge, presented on the facilitated discussion - guiding principles. The Work Group discussed the presentation. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a conversation about having design/guiding principles to help make system level reform outside of the primary care setting to integrate and coordinate with other items such education, housing, and population health. • There was a suggestion for OHS to bring back to the group some examples of the work that has already been invested in on some of the community collaboratives. 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Primary Care and Community Health Reforms Work Group meeting will be February 23rd at 1:00 p.m. • The motion was made by Deb Polun and seconded by Elsa Stone to adjourn the meeting. • The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m. 		

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