

Community Health Subgroup Meeting Minutes June 23, 2021

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
June 23, 2021	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

Community Health Subgroup Members			
Kate Breslin	X	Martha Page	X
Rick Brush	X	Deb Polun	
Angie DeMello	X	Lyn Salsgiver	X
Paul Dworkin	X	Megan Smith	X
Danielle Hubley (for Kiley Gosselin)	X	Lisa TepperBates	X
Rita Kuwahara	X	Orlando Velazco	X
Ashley McAuliffe	X		
Others Present			
Kelly Sinko, OHS	X	Jeannina Thompson, OHS	X
Hanna Nagy, OHS	X	Laura Morris, OHS	X

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

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions	Kelly Sinko
	<p>The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Health Subgroup (CHS) was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, by webinar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelly Sinko welcomed subgroup members and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Ms. Sinko announced that Megan Smith, Senior Director of Community Health Transformation of the Connecticut Hospital Association, has joined the Community Health Subgroup and we look forward to working with her. Attendance was taken by roll call. It was determined that a quorum was present. 	
2.	Public Comment	Members of the Public
	There was no public comment.	
3.	Approval of the April 28th & May 26th Meeting Minutes	Members of the CHS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martha Page motioned to approve the minutes of the Community Health Subgroup's April 28, 2021 meeting. Katie Breslin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed. Rick Brush motioned to approve the minutes of the Community Health Subgroup's May 26, 2021 meeting. Lyn Salsgiver seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed. 	
4.	Funding Strategy and Opportunities	Deb Zahn
	Deb Zahn, Independent Consultant, presented and led a discussion regarding the funding strategy and opportunities (see presentation here).	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The background of Health Enhancement Community Initiative (HEC) was reviewed. The Health Enhancement Community Initiative is a statewide place-based initiative that is focused on improving the health and well-being of all residents in Connecticut. The types of funding and financing that will be needed were provided. It was noted that financing and funding are critical to make sure the work continues. Funding options include new funds, flexible funds, and outcome funds. Members discussed the presentation. It was mentioned that the HECs are place specific. There was a suggestion for an HEC map to be shared with the group so members can see the geographic impact. The HEC map will be sent to the group. 	
5.	OHS 5 Year Health IT Plan	Jamal Furqan, Vatsala Pathy
	<p>Jamal Furqan and Vatsala Pathy, of CedarBridge, presented the OHS 5 Year Health IT Plan (see presentation here).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process and timeline for the State Health IT Plan was reviewed. Mr. Furqan shared information regarding stakeholder engagement activities. He noted that stakeholders and consumers were engaged by various webinar sessions, online surveys, focus groups, and key informant interviews. There was a question about what is meant by “key informant”. It was noted that key informants are individuals who are participating on councils such as the Consumer Advisory Council. CedarBridge is working with OHS to have one-on-one interviews with various council members to reflect their input for the State Health IT Plan. Themes and findings related to the Community Health Initiative were reviewed such as the Health Information Exchange in Connecticut. A list of draft recommendations for the Health IT Plan was presented to the subgroup for feedback. Mr. Furqan shared contact information so that members could provide feedback on the OHS 5 Year Health IT Plan. 	
6.	Meeting Adjournment	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will not be a Community Health Subgroup meeting in July. The next Community Health Subgroup meeting is scheduled on August 25th at 2:00 p.m. The motion was made by Martha Page and seconded by Lyn Salsgiver to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m. 	