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Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

Meeting Summary

October 10, 2019

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
October 10, 2019	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, 06106

Member Name and Attendance

Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee Members					
Victoria Veltri	X	Rose Ferraro	X	Joseph Quaranta via phone	X
Catherine F. Abercrombie		Anne Foley	X	Robin Lamott-Sparks	X
Patricia Baker		Suzanne Lagarde		Elsa Stone	X
Jeffrey G. Beadle		Sharon D. Langer	X	Nicole Taylor	X
Kate McEvoy for Commissioner Deidre Gifford via phone	X	Alta Lash via phone	X	Thomas Woodruff	X
Patrick Charmel	X	Bruce Liang			
Mario Garcia for Commissioner Renee Coleman-Mitchell	X	Robert McLean	X		
Yvonne Addo for Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon	X	James Michel			
Others Participants Present					
Stephanie Burnham, OHS		Brent Miller, OHS		Mark Schaefer, OHS	
Chris Fanikos, OHS		Lawrence Peter Truman			

Meeting Information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/SIM-Work-Groups/Healthcare-Innovation-Steering-Committee>

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	Call to order and Introductions	Victoria Veltri
	<p>Call to Order The regularly scheduled meeting of the Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC) was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford. The meeting convened at 3:02 p.m. Victoria Veltri presiding. Members and other participants introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	Public Comment	Victoria Veltri
	<p>Lawrence Peter Truman provided public comment and spoke about public health. He mentioned banning vaping and alcohol as a state. Mr. Truman said he has not heard a discussion about saving the youth by banning certain things such as vaping. He said it is important to think about protecting the next generation. Ms. Veltri mentioned that the issues being spoke about are important and thanked Mr. Truman for the public comment. She mentioned that the Legislative Session starts in February and he is welcome to come to public hearings and testify. Ms. Taylor noted that several</p>	

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	legislators are also holding forums and round tables around vaping. There are several events supplementing the discussion about vaping in the state.	
3.	Minutes	Victoria Veltri
	The motion was made by Sharon Langer and seconded by Robert McLean to approve the meeting summary of the Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee July 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.	
4.	VBID/APM/QMA Progress	Mark Schaefer
	The VBID/APM/QMA Progress was not discussed.	
5.	Healthscore CT	Stephanie Burnham
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Burnham presented on Healthscore CT. She said the site was launched in August and they wanted to provide a refresher and some background. UConn Health, the Office of Health Strategy (OHS), and the SIM Quality Council worked together to publish the online healthcare quality scorecard for assessing Connecticut’s advanced networks (ANs) and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs). • The Committee discussed Healthscore CT. There was a question about which payers submitted to the CT All Payer Claims Database (APCD). It was mentioned that all fully insured commercial payers in CT, state employee plans, Medicaid, and Medicare fee-for service are in the APCD. They are not all on the scorecard yet. It was noted that only fully insured commercial payers are included on the scorecard. There was a question about whether data source information could be indicated on the website. It was noted that the FAQ section of the website distinguishes between the fully insured and self-funded plans and describes what is included. • There was a discussion about the limitations and challenges of the website. Concern was expressed that the public could make grand conclusions from the somewhat limited data on the website. It was noted that when the website was presented they were very clear to the public about drawing conclusions, and informed them to talk with their providers, payers, etc. There was a suggestion to look at the descriptors put on the website about the FHCQs and ANs. A goal is to present individual provider data. Claims data is being submitted by providers. It was mentioned that an email address is on the website for people to submit questions and comments. Comments are reviewed and taken very seriously. • Ms. Burnham provided a demonstration of the scorecard portion of the Healthscore CT site. She mentioned that a User Design Group reviewed everything on the scorecard before it went live. There was a suggestion to move the FAQ section to go across the top of the page as it seems hidden. Ms. Burnham thanked everyone for the feedback. It was stated that a goal is to have the information in English and Spanish. There was a question regarding the ultimate goal of the scorecard and whether it is for providers to respond when they have lower scores or whether to get at the fact that they aren’t meeting certain benchmarks. It was noted that the scorecard can be used as a quality improvement tool and to provide transparency. It was mentioned that organizations previewed it and the responses were receptive. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Burnham also provided a demonstration of the Cost Estimator portion of the Healthscore CT site. She mentioned that the Cost Estimator was successfully launched this week. The Committee discussed the Cost Estimator. There was a question about how it relates to the patient out of pocket expenses and how the numbers would be useful to a given individual. There was concern that some of the numbers look remarkably low. It was noted that the site is based on the claims provided by providers to insurers and then submitted to us directly. The data on the site is strictly commercial. It was mentioned that the APCD has been around for several years and data had not been publically reported out of it. It was important to get the data out. The numbers represent allowed amounts between the providers and the carriers for the listed procedures. It was noted that patients are encouraged to talk directly with their providers and carriers. The Committee continued to discuss the site. Ms. Burnham provided an update on the Scorecard sustainability efforts. State-funded staff will support the Quality Council and future endeavors to ensure that the work does not end. OHS is looking at funding opportunities to continue the production of the Scorecard and also looking at ways to reduce maintenance costs. 	
6.	POST-SIM Strategy	Mark Schaefer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Schaefer provided an update on the Post-SIM Strategy. Dr. Garcia provided an update on Population Health, the Prevention Service Initiative (PSI), and the Health Enhancement Communities Initiative (HEC). There was a question about whether the HEC RFP is going forward. It was noted that it is moving forward and the awards will go out soon. It was noted that they are preplanning RFPs. They will enable communities to begin to organize how they will incorporate child wellbeing/healthy weight and fitness into their community improvement strategy. It was noted that the folks that were selected are not HECs. This is intended to advance the work without designating lead entities. It was also mentioned that it is pre-work that will allow conversations around governance, management, and geographic scopes. Dr. Schaefer spoke about the Practice Transformation, Payment Reform, and Quality Measure Alignment work streams. There was a discussion regarding post SIM. It was mentioned that there are multiple committees and stakeholder councils. OHS will work to figure out an alignment of all the councils. Ms. Veltri expressed thanks to everyone for their efforts and work. She said they want the process continue going forward and are trying to bring work streams together. It was noted that the technology stream, oversight, and others need to be aligned to reach the goals in Connecticut. 	
7.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.
	The motion to adjourn was made by Anne Foley and seconded by Patrick Charmel. Motion carried.	