

# State Innovation Model

## Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee

### Meeting Summary

November 14, 2019

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
November 14, 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	X
Catherine F. Abercrombie		Anne Foley	X	Robin Lamott-Sparks	
Patricia Baker via phone	X	Suzanne Lagarde	X	Elsa Stone via phone	X
Jeffrey G. Beadle		Sharon D. Langer	X	Nicole Taylor	
Commissioner Deidre Gifford	X	Alta Lash via phone	X	Thomas Woodruff	
Patrick Charmel		Bruce Liang			
Commissioner Renee Coleman-Mitchell	X	Robert McLean	X		
Yvonne Addo for Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon	X	James Michel			
Others Participants Present					
Heidi Arthur, HMA		Deepa Joseph, MHD		Mark Schaefer, OHS	
Chris Fanikos, OHS		Kate McEvoy, DSS		Deb Zahn	
Mario Garcia, DPH		Brent Miller, OHS			
Allan Hackney, OHS		Lori Reynolds, FHCHC			

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

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	<b>Call to order and Introductions</b>	<b>Victoria Veltri</b>
	<b>Call to Order</b> The regularly scheduled meeting of the Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC) was held on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford. The meeting convened at 3:01 p.m. Victoria Veltri presiding. Members and other participants introduced themselves.	
2.	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Victoria Veltri</b>
	There was no public comment.	
3.	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Victoria Veltri</b>
	The motion was made by Patricia Baker and seconded by Sharon Langer to approve the meeting summary of the Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee October 10, 2019 meeting. Abstains: Jeffrey Beadle and Suzanne Lagarde. <b>Motion carried.</b>	

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<b>4.</b>	<b>Prevention Service Initiative</b>	<b>Heidi Arthur</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heidi Arthur, of Health Management Associates, presented on the Prevention Service Initiative. She spoke about the partnerships between Community Based Organizations (CBO) and Health Care Organizations (HCO), the technical assistance, and accomplishments of the linkages. It was mentioned that there are things that HCOs cannot solve for within their four walls that CBOs can solve for by virtue of the relationships that they have in the community with the evidenced based programs they run such as diabetes prevention. The goal is to create relationships that extend the ability of HCOs to deliver better value and better quality for all populations and to have CBOs play a role in doing it in a way that helps the CBOs to achieve their own missions.</li> <li>• There were feature presentations from Fair Haven Community Health Center (FHCHC) &amp; Milford Health Department (MHD). Lori Reynolds, from Fair Haven Community Health Center, spoke about the Putting On AIRS program (POA). Deepa Joseph, from Milford Health Department, spoke about the implementation, communication, and partnership for the POA program. The challenges, accomplishments, successes, and lessons learned of the POA program were reviewed. It was noted that there is value in the linkage and partnership between the agencies and they are looking for ways to sustain the program and partnership after the contract of the linkage ends. The Committee discussed the presentation and POA program. It was mentioned that having a value-based payment system is important. There was a suggestion for SIM and OHS to consider a strategy around achieving and helping innovations to keep advancing the work.</li> <li>• There were also feature presentations from Waterbury Hospital, Naugatuck Valley Health Districts, Pomperaug Health Districts. The successes, challenges, and lessons learned regarding the Diabetes Self-Management Program were reviewed. Other items reviewed included information on the partnership, planning, implementation, contracting and payment methodology, data sharing, and evaluation. The Committee discussed the presentation. Concern was expressed regarding where we go from here. It was noted that continuing the work on the local health level can make a difference. The Committee congratulated both programs and thanked the agencies for their work.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Health Enhancement Communities</b>	<b>Deb Zahn</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deb Zahn provided an update on the Health Enhancement Communities (HEC) Initiative. It was mentioned that the HEC Initiative started prior to the new administration. The new administration and the three SIM partner agencies (Office of Health Strategy, Department of Public Health, and Department of Social Services) are actively engaged in a process where they are assessing the future of the HEC Initiative beyond 2020 when the SIM grant ends.</li> <li>• Ms. Zahn spoke about the stakeholder engagement that they did, HEC pre-planning RFP, pre-planning support, and funding strategies. The Committee discussed the update.</li> <li>• There was a question regarding the next steps if potential funding is found to sustain the HEC program. It was noted that funding resources would have to be found and secured</li> </ul>	

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	<p>upfront for it to work. It was stated that it is a public health model. Concern was expressed about taking something on and not knowing the future of sustainability and without funding it would be a difficult process. It was mentioned that is a collective collaboration to think about a “multi-pronged” strategy around modeling and to consider how to bring philanthropic partners along. There was a suggestion to have a systematic planning process. It would be worth the time and energy to explore the potential. It was mentioned that it is important to move this forward and see about different payment models. It was noted that one of the ways to get there is to take the best examples of what has funded these types of things in other places.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a question about what is happening to SIM. It was noted that the SIM grant ends in January 2020. It was mentioned that OHS has an internal process and there have been discussions about the various SIM committees and advisory councils. They have been having a conversation on whether HISC continues in collaboration with other groups and looking at options that may utilize more resources. Concern was expressed regarding losing much of the work that has been done over the years. It was suggested that the conversation about primary care should continue. It was mentioned that the primary care modernization model (PCM) is being set aside at this time, however primary care reform work will continue.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Vicki Veltri</b>
	<p>The motion to adjourn was made by Sharon Langer and seconded by Robert McLean.  <b>Motion carried.</b>          The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.</p>	