

**State of Connecticut  
State Innovation Model  
Population Health Council**

Meeting Summary  
March 29, 2018

**Meeting Location:** State Capitol, Room 310, Hartford, CT 06106

**Members Present:** Pat Baker, Rick Brush, Craig Glover, Lisa Honigfeld, Steve Huleatt (Co-Chair), Marth Page, Carolyn Salsgiver, Hayley Skinner, Elizabeth Torres, Susan Walkama (Co-Chair), Hyacinth Yennie

**Members Absent:** Elizabeth Beaudin, Frederick Browne, Garth Graham, Hugh Penney

**Other Attendees:** DPH: Mehul Dalal, Mario Garcia, Amy Smart, Trish Torruella; SIM PMO: Faina Doohk, Mark Schaefer; HMA: Cathy Homkey, Hope Plavin; Public attendees: OHS/OHCA: Brian Carney, Olga Armah, Stephanie Burnham; ACHT: Pamela Sawyer; CHEFA: Betty Weintraub, Jeanette Weldon, David Wasch; Yale: Katie Plwnica-Warren; RC: Evan Dantes; OHS: Leslie Gabel-Brett

**Call to Order:** Co-Chair Susan Walkama called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.; a quorum was present.

**Special Guest:** Lt. Governor Wyman thanked the Council for getting involved and talk about Population Health. In our state, we have done a lot over the last 7 years to improve the health of our population, but we still have more to do—bringing all the stake holders together, thank you all for doing that.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Introduction to HMA:**

Members of the HMA team introduced themselves, Cathy Homkey and Hope Plavin. Ms. Homkey explained the HMA Experience: Facilitating diverse stakeholder groups and committees to establish shared vision and solicit input and meaningful engagement; Quantifying and communicating the impact of population health initiatives through actuarial and economic modeling; Synthesizing and developing key recommendations written documents to effectively communicate to stakeholders and leadership teams.

Cathy Homkey (HMA) indicated the purpose of today's meeting is to discuss health enhancement community (HEC) initiative planning, review questions to be answered over the course of our planning work and share input on the process and what is critical for success. She also shared that the Health Enhancement Community initiative focuses on creating the conditions that promote and sustain cross-sector community-led strategies focused on

prevention. Ms. Homkey shared the 3 Buckets of Prevention, (1) Traditional Clinical Prevention, (2) Innovative Clinical Prevention and (3) Total Population of Community-wide Prevention.

Mark Schafer (SIM PMO) shared information related to Connecticut's Health System Transformation Path; Accountable Care Organizations and Shared Savings Program; Opportunity to Enhance Reward for Prevention and How the Pieces Come together to develop better community linkage and improve access to high-quality primary care.

Hope Plavin (HMA) talked about the economic benefits of the HECs and explained that the Economic Benefit Model will quantify the myriad economic benefits of what the HECs do and the key aspect of HEC initiative is being able to measure specific economic benefits and where they accrue to assess success and to develop investment strategies. Ms. Plavin also shared social finance which refers to investment mechanisms that generated financial returns to implement and/or sustain social impact and the key aspect of HEC initiative is developing social finance approaches. She presented an example of social finance mix. Ms. Plavin shared the outcome of the HEC initiative planning process which details key logical, realistic and actionable components of the HEC initiative, strategies for implementing and sustaining HECs throughout the state and evidence of the economic benefit of HECs.

Cathy Homkey (HMA) presented a timeline and stated that these meetings will refine the scope and that a report will be presented with the final review and approval of HEC.

Cathy Homkey (HMA) talked about the reference communities and said that the engagement will occur through facilitated meetings, webinars, workshops, and review of existing materials and indicated that HMA will provide tools, facilitation, coaching and other support. She also shared the reference community RFP details, reference community engagement framework and HEC advisory process.

Discussion ensued regarding the information provided.

Cathy Homkey (HMA) shared the HEC planning challenges: Accountability, Boundaries, Indicators, State Role, Health Disparities, Sustainability, Regulations and Engagement.

Hope Plavin (HMA) talked about the role of key sectors and enabling success. She also presented the following questions for discussion: What exists that will help this be successful? What are the barriers or challenges we will need to address?

**Closing and Next Steps:** Mario Garcia informed the Council that the next meeting will be in April on the last Thursday of the month (April 26, 2017), and the location is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.