

Connecticut State Innovation Model Work Stream Update



Highlights

- The Behavioral Health Listening Forum was held on May 19 at Burroughs Community Center in Bridgeport, providing an opportunity for consumers and providers to discuss behavioral health access, care experience, and integration. Planning continued for the second Rural Health Forum to be held in June.
- Personnel Subcommittee nominees to the Population Health Council were approved; an additional solicitation period was approved for the consumer/advocates. The first meeting will take place on June 30.
- An employer survey was distributed and a focus group held to further assess employer-specific considerations for V-BID template development. VBID templates- [basic](#) and [expanded](#)- have been recommended by the Consortium and will be presented to the Steering Committee in June.
- Members of the HIT Council participated in a Zato demonstration to learn about edge server technology.
- The UConn Evaluation team finalized their behavioral health measures and began work with DPH and the PMO to re-base SIM performance targets.
- Qualidigm [presented](#) an update on the AMH Program to the Steering Committee.
- The Quality Council reviewed the new CQMC quality measure set [in detail](#) and made adjustments to the Council's Provisional Measure set. The [Council's Report](#) will be presented to the Steering Committee in June.
- A near final version of the MQISSP RFP was delivered to DSS, with an expected release date in June.
- Southwestern AHEC and Hispanic Health Council jointly hosted a Community Health Worker Symposium, bringing together national experts and local advocates to strategize around CHW integration. The results of the Symposium will guide the CHW Advisory Committee, members of which participated in the event.

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| Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC) | <i>Population Health</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and approved new HISC members Approved Personnel Subcommittee nominees to Population Health Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Approve remaining Population Health Council nominees | 6/9/16 |
| | <i>Advanced Medical Home</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended a resolicitation for consumers/advocates for the Population Health Council. Approved the addition of an addition representative in housing Observed presentation from Qualidigm on AMH progress | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and discuss second draft of Quality Council Report Review and discuss MQISSP updates Review and discuss VBID templates | |
| Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) | <i>Population Health</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted Behavioral Health Listening Forum at Burroughs Community Center in Bridgeport. The event provided an opportunity for consumers to discuss behavioral health issues and concerns with the healthcare system. Mark Schaefer presented a consumer-friendly overview of SIM, which was followed by a facilitated listening forum. The event was captured through video and audio. More details will be distributed soon. Nominated Sharon Langer as the Consumer/Advocate representative to the HISC. Reviewed Population Health Council applicants. After careful consideration, the CAB recommended to the HISC an extension for solicitation to the Council in order to increase the pool's diversity. Continued planning for 2nd Rural Health Forum in Northwestern Connecticut to take place June 3 at the Northwestern CT Community College Shirley Draper Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host the 2nd Rural Health Forum in Northwestern Connecticut on June 3. Nominate consumers/advocates to the Population Health Council Work with PMO and Videographer to develop and distribute proceedings from the Behavioral Health Listening Forum. | 6/7/16 |

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| Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No May meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | 8/9/16 |
| Health Information Technology (HIT) | <i>HIT Council</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HIT Council members met for the Zato Demonstration on May 17 and on May 23. UConn HIT Team worked with the Council members to ascertain questions they had regarding Zato and the demonstration. The 1st draft questions were presented at the March 18 meeting and final set of Q&A was posted to the website at the beginning of May. The UConn HIT Team continues to work with the HIT Consultant to develop the HIT Section of the SIM Operational Plan. SIM HIT Ops plan was shared with the SIM PMO on May 20th and is being edited. As a result of the recent legislative changes related to the administration of health information technology, the SIM council will be dissolved after the June 17, 2016 meeting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit Health Information Technology Officer. Continue to work on the HIT section of the Operational Plan. Continue recruiting efforts for staff. UConn HIT Team will help facilitate the June meeting in which the Zato demonstration and the status of the Ops Plan will be discussed. | 6/17/16 |

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| Quality Council (QC) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed the CQMC and Quality Council Provisional Measure sets in detail. For each CQMC measure that was not on both sets, the Quality Council determined whether to include it on the Provisional Set, Development Set, Reporting Set, to flag for annual review, or to eliminate. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize second draft of Report for HISC review. Release Quality Council report for Public Comment Prepare for discussion of public scorecard design with APCD, evaluation team, and Quality Council | 6/1/16 |
| Care Management Committee (CMC) (A sub-committee of MAPOC) | <i>MQISSP</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convened to discuss MQISSP design at the May MAPOC Care Management Committee meeting. Held several different touchpoint meetings with CHN to further the MQISSP design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to hold work sessions and education sessions to further the MQISSP design. | 6/16/16 |
| Population Health Planning (DPH) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted Personnel Subcommittee nominations for Population Health Council to HISC Continued to solicit for consumers/advocates and housing representative for the Population Health Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit final nominations for the Population Health Council to HISC Hold first meeting of the Population Health Council | 6/30/16 |

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| Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued meeting with CMS/CHN to discuss the MQISSP design, utilizing the Concept Paper and other historical stakeholder materials. Delivered a close to finalized RFP to DSS to be used in the procurement of participating entities for the MQISSP. Participated in the May MAPOC Care Management Committee meeting to further discuss the MQISSP. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue working through and develop membership communication materials and the oversight and monitoring plan. | N/A |
| Value-based Insurance Design | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of the employer survey showed that some employers have implemented VBID components in their plan designs, but many have not. A major concern about implementing VBID was how to educate the workforce. An employer focus group was held to gain additional insight into existing employer V-BID initiatives on May 12. The results were informative for further development of the VBID templates. A webinar was held on May 24 for Consortium members to provide additional input on the VBID templates- basic and expanded. (Comparison can be found here) Work began on complementary materials to the templates, including employer guidance and toolkits for implementation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fourth Consortium meeting will be held on June 1 to finalize the V-BID templates. Further development of complementary materials to the templates, including employer guidance and toolkits for implementation will take place in June. The VBID draft templates will be presented to the Steering Committee in June. A Learning Collaborative design group meeting will be held at the end of June. | 6/1/16 6/30/16 |

**UConn
Community
Health Worker
(CHW) Initiative**

- Held second meeting (5/19) of the CHW Advisory Committee via webinar. Focused on preparing committee members to participate in the CHW symposium on 5/24.
 - On 5/24, in conjunction with the Hispanic Health Council, convened a symposium on CHWs attended by over 60 key stakeholders. CHW Advisory Committee members, CHWs, and other key stakeholders received an intensive introduction to local and national CHW policy issues. Workgroup discussions raised key issues to consider in developing CHW policy in CT. The symposium represented a significant step in supporting the work of the CHW Advisory Committee.
 - Hired new MPH graduate to assist with CHW employer survey and identification of CHW resources and needs on a temporary basis.
 - CHW Association of CT working with Central MA AHEC in identifying CHW marketing plan.
 - Completed filming for video to instruct CHWs in the use of 211.
 - Connected with the UConn Evaluation work stream to coordinate our respective evaluation efforts.
- Non-SIM-funded related activities:*
- Began CHW core competency training with 12 CHWs representing the Northeast Hartford Partnership, DPH Early Detection Program, and Waterbury Hospital. Funded by CHEFA grant to the UConn Foundation.
 - Participated in New England Coalition of Community Health Workers bi-monthly conference call.

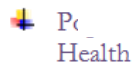
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed a conceptual model of CHW training including the Youth Health Service Corps for high school students in New Britain and submitted for Robert Wood Johnson funding in partnership with Invest Health Team. Continued work with CT DOL to identify opportunities for Incumbent Worker Training for CHWs. | | |
| UCONN Evaluation | <i>Population Health</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued data acquisition for dashboard Finalized new behavioral health measures Met with DPH and PMO to discuss strategy for re-setting of population health targets Attended monthly call with National Evaluators Continued assessment of CMMI reporting requirements to identify potential additional measures Drafted RFP for data collection vendor for care experience survey Continued communications with payers about care experience survey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work towards July 1 dashboard publication Continue data acquisition for dashboard Complete assessment of CMMI reporting requirements Attend monthly call with National Evaluators Attend meeting with payers to finalize agreements about care experience survey and other measures Continue working with DPH to reset population health targets | N/A |

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| Advanced Medical Home Vanguard Program | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 practices have submitted their site specific tool to NCQA. 6 practices are participating in the NCQA redesign pilot program and their corporate survey tools are completed and approved. Site specific tools are being completed and will be ready to submit by June 15th The transformation vendor held a project kick off meeting with 25 new practices. 5 new practices will be submitting the Corporate tool as of June 1st Qualidigm, the transformation vendor, and subcontractor Planetree, presented AMH Vanguard program progress and evaluation activities to the May 12th HISC meeting. On May 11th, the PMO released an addendum to the AMH Vanguard Program RFA that extends the deadline for submission of applications for the second cohort from May 11th to June 13th. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue transformation services. | N/A |
| Program Management Office (PMO) | Quality Council CCIP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with federal SIM evaluators to discuss program implementation Continued work on the Operational Plan, due August 1st to CMMI Continued work on the second draft of the Quality Council Report Began preparing CCIP vendor RFP; assembled stakeholder advisory team Adjusted business processes to support meeting logistics Developed new presentation style to further engage consumers and other stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize and extend offer for Consumer Engagement Coordinator Complete Draft of the Operational Plan for review by CMMI and HISC Finalize Quality Council Report and release for public comment Finalize CCIP vendor RFP | N/A |

ACRONYMS**APCD** – All-Payers Claims Database**BRFSS** – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System**CAB** – Consumer Advisory Board**CCIP** – Clinical & Community Integration Program**CHW** – Community Health Worker**CMC** – Care Management Committee**CMMI** – Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovations**DPH** – Department of Public Health**DSS** – Department of Social Services**EAC** – Equity and Access Council**EHR** – Electronic Health Record**HISC** – Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee**HIT** – Health Information Technology**MAPOC** – Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council**MOA** – Memorandum of Agreement**MQISSP** – Medicaid Quality Improvement and Shared Savings Program**PCMH** – Patient Centered Medical Home**PMO** – Program Management Office**PTTF** – Practice Transformation Task Force**QC** – Quality Council**SIM** – State Innovation Model**FQHC** – Federally Qualified Health Center**RFP** – Request for Proposals**OSC** – Office of the State Comptroller**VBID** – Value-based Insurance Design

The purpose of this document is to raise awareness among members of SIM Governance and SIM-funded work stream leads so that they can stay up-to-date about SIM progress, understand their work in context, and spot inter-dependencies where collaboration or coordination may be beneficial



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