



Strategy Sub-Committee Meeting MEETING MINUTES

Location: CT Historical Society
1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT
Date: Thursday, April 18, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Members Present

Bob Scalettar (co-Chair); Vicki Veltri; Bob Tessier; Cee Cee Woods

Members Absent

Mary Fox; Anne Melissa Dowling

Other Participants

Kevin Counihan; Ted Kennedy, Jr. (ad hoc committee member); Frances Padilla, President, Universal Health Care Foundation; Pat Rehmer, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Addiction; Nancy Yedlin, Vice President, Donaghue Foundation; Pat Baker, President and CEO, CT Health Foundation

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Co-chairperson Bob Scalettar opened the meeting at 1:00p.m. Co-chair Scalettar requested a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Bob Tessier made the motion. Vick Veltri seconded. Motion passed. Co-chair Scalettar initiated introductions of members and guest participants. Co-chair Scalettar introduced the objective of the meeting; the Chairs of the Health Care Cabinet workgroups will present their ideas and recommendations to the committee which might assist with enhancing the work of Access Health CT.

I. Dialogue around Healthcare Cabinet Workgroup Recommendations

- a. Delivery System and Payment Reform Workgroup** (Pat Baker, President, Connecticut Health Foundation, and Commissioner Pat Rehmer, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services)
- b. Business Plan Workgroup** (Frances G. Padilla, MPA, President, Universal Health Care Foundation of CT, and Nancy Yedlin, MPH, Vice President, Donaghue Foundation)

Pat Baker, Pat Rehmer, Nancy Yedlin, and Frances Padilla provided a collective summary of the work performed and recommendations developed by their respective Health Care Cabinet workgroups. The two groups have developed recommendations for consideration by Access Health CT.

Pat Baker provided a recommendation around purchasing power, urging Access Health CT to consider behavioral and mental health when finalizing the standard plan designs for qualified health plans. She asked how Access Health CT is bridging the gap between public and private sector benefits. Ms. Baker

presented a second recommendation which is to be proactive in the development of the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) to ensure it will track health outcomes and address quality improvement issues from the start, urging Access Health CT to require race, ethnicity and other data across the plans and Medicaid. Ms. Baker suggested that any plans coming into Access Health CT understand the data requirements for the APCD. The group discussed data collection and the desire for a uniform application process. Ms. Baker suggested Access Health CT establish a group which will determine all necessary data elements for such an application.

Frances Padilla initiated a discussion around current health care costs in Connecticut and how the cost curve could be shaped in the future. Conversation ensued.

Nancy Yedlin provided a brief overview of the work done by Business Plan Workgroup and initiated a discussion around establishing a value driven healthcare system, including price transparency, quality reporting, and a recent NAACP report.

Frances Padilla presented recommendations around the issue of vision and accountability in health reform, as well as diversifying the marketplace and driving a high value agenda. The group recommends that the Committee bring some of the best minds in the country to discuss value-based initiatives.

A discussion of the role of the State Innovation Model grant (SIM) Committee developed. Ms. Veltri stated that SIM will be rolling out soon and that the Cabinet is going to be a major stakeholder, engaged in developing a state health innovation plan for the SIM. The SIM is meant to address the entire system—not just Access Health CT. Ms. Padilla reiterated the group's point which is that Access Health CT has the ability to shake up reality and drive innovation, stating that while APCD, Strategy, Access Health CT Board, and the Cabinet, are in place, there is no central body whose responsibility is to think about innovation every day. Mr. Tessier mentioned that some states have an office of healthcare finance at the coordination office of all healthcare spending. Discussion ensued.

Members briefly discussed cost transparency.

Co-chair Scalettar provided a recap of the discussion and thanked participants.

II. Public Comment

No public comments made.

III. Adjournment

Chairperson Scalettar adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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