

**SustiNet Board Work Plan**

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<b>Results Defined by SustiNet Act</b>											
Design and establish procedures to implement the SustiNet Plan. Submit its design and implementation procedures in the form of recommended legislation to the General Assembly.											♦ (1/1)
The SustiNet Plan shall be designed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the health of state residents;</li> <li>• Improve the quality of health care and access to health care; (</li> <li>• Provide health insurance coverage to Connecticut residents who would otherwise be uninsured;</li> <li>• Increase the range of health care insurance coverage options available to residents and employers;</li> <li>• Slow the growth of per capita health care spending both in the short-term and in the long-term; and</li> <li>• Implement reforms to the health care delivery system</li> </ul>											
The procedures and guidelines shall be specific and guided by the Institute of Medicine principles: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Health care coverage should be universal;</li> <li>2) health care coverage should be continuous;</li> <li>3) health care coverage should be affordable to individuals and families;</li> <li>4) the health insurance strategy should be affordable and sustainable for society; and</li> <li>5) health care coverage should enhance health and well-being by promoting access to high-quality care that is effective, efficient, safe, timely, patient-centered and equitable.</li> </ol>											
The board of directors shall recommend that the public authority adopt periodic action plans to achieve measurable objectives in areas that											

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include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• effective management of chronic illness,</li> <li>• preventive care,</li> <li>• reducing racial and ethnic disparities as related to health care and health outcomes,</li> <li>• and reducing the number of state residents without insurance</li> </ul> The public authority should monitor the accomplishment of the objectives and modify action plans as necessary											
<b>Organizational Tasks</b>											
Establish committees, following composition requirements in legislation	*										
Determine internal communications mechanisms	*										
Establish meeting schedule	*										
Identify staffing/consulting/funding needs	*	*									
Set up Web site	*	*	*	*							
Establish ethics/conflicts rules	*										
Involve relevant state agencies	*	*									
Disseminate existing reports/data sources to inform work	*	*									
Conduct ongoing literature review	*	*	*	*							
Collect information on other states' work	*	*	*	*							
Develop a public input process	*	*	*	*							
Implement a public input process					*				*	*	
Submit draft legislation	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	♦
<b>Response to Federal Health Care Reform</b>											
Track and analyze implications of federal reform for extension of HUSKY eligibility		*	*	*	*						

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Track and analyze reform provisions for changes needed in CT administrative practice &/or law	*	*	*	*	*							
Identify federal criteria Connecticut must meet												
Track and analyze areas where federal policy may or does pre-empt CT practice, policy or law	*	*	*	*	*							
Track & analyze insurance market reforms; identify recommendations potentially needed re: non-group market protections	*	*	*	*	*							
Track & analyze rating rules for large employers to prevent adverse selection & potential recommendations needed	*	*	*	*	*							
Submit report to governor and legislature w/i 60 days of federal law					♦							
<b>Market Research, Outreach and Enrollment</b>												
Commission employer and consumer surveys			*	*	*	*	*					
Develop recommendations to ensure state employee inclusion in SustiNet, in conjunction with the state and coalition committee			*	*	*							
Develop recommendations regarding, HUSKY A & B, SAGA, Medicaid inclusion in SustiNet			*	*	*							
Develop recommendations for enrollment procedures			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Develop recommendations for marketing SustiNet			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Develop recommendations for public education & outreach			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Establish information clearinghouse											*	*
<b>Value-based Benefit Design</b>												
Develop model benefits package (Office of Healthcare Advocate)		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Assure the availability of a standard benefits package to employers					*	*	*	*	*	*		
<b>Financing</b>												

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Identify costs and potential funding sources to establish & administer SustiNet					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Determine the feasibility of funding premium subsidies between 300% and 400% FPL					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Identify and recommend opportunities for new & increased federal funding and reimbursement	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Determine employer-based financing mechanisms to minimize crowd-out & adverse selection					*	*	*	*	*	*		
<b>SustiNet Governance Entity</b>												
Develop recommendations on the governance structure best suited to implement and operate SustiNet					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Appoint committees that can assist with implementation									*	*		
<b>Recommendations regarding functions of the governance entity</b>												
Contract with insurers or other entities for administrative purposes, such as claims processing and credentialing of providers.					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Make and enter into all contracts and agreements for professional services, independent professionals or employees					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Enter into interagency agreements for performance of SustiNet Plan duties that may be implemented more efficiently or effectively by an existing state agency					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Purchase reinsurance, stop loss coverage, set aside reserves or take other prudent steps that avoid excess exposure to risk					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Establish a method for the collection of payments from employers, whose employees would have received employer-sponsored insurance, but instead enroll in the SustiNet					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Arrange for access to existing or new provider networks...to provide all SustiNet Plan members with access to timely, high-quality care throughout the state and, in appropriate cases, outside the state's borders					*	*	*	*	*	*		

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Set payment methods for licensed health care providers that reflect evolving research and experience					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Negotiate on behalf of providers participating in the SustiNet Plan to obtain discounted prices for vaccines and other health care goods and services					*	*	*	*	*	*		
Establish appropriate deductibles, standard benefit packages, and out-of-pocket cost-sharing levels for different providers, that may vary based on quality, cost, provider agreement					*	*	*	*	*	*		