Connecticut State Innovation Model
Work Stream Update

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- The Consumer Advisory Board reviewed and approved summaries from 2 rural healthcare forums and a behavioral health event. Common themes from all 3 events include lack of transportation and social isolation. The behavioral health identified lack of patient provider communication, care coordination, and early screenings as barriers to care.
- The Practice Transformation Taskforce Reviewed and Discussed Primary Care Payment Model Planning Process and provided input on stakeholder engagement strategy.
- The Health Information Technology PMO provided their annual report to the CT Legislature on 2/1/2018.
- Health Management Associates (HMA) was awarded the Health Enhancement Communities (HEC) planning contract.
- DPH and SIM staff finalized and released RFP for HEC Reference Communities solicitation.
- DPH and SIM staff finalized and released PSI RFAs for selecting CBOs and AN/FQHCs. A webinar for each PSI RFA was presented by SIM staff and the Technical Assistance vendor, HMA.
- DSS published the RFP for Wave 2 PCMH+ applicants.
- To date, 123 practices have achieved 2014 NCQA Level II or II recognition under the Advanced Medical Home Program
- 11 self-insured employers were recruited into targeted VBID technical assistance initiative. Participants will receive one-on-one assistance from Freedman Healthcare to develop and implement a VBID plan for their employees.
- The Quality Council completed its review of the Reporting Measure set and its alignment with national quality programs
- UConn Health worked with the Quality Council on the user interface, external informational links, and attribution methods for the public scorecard.
- The CHW Advisory Committee met with Jeff Quamme, Executive Director, CT Certification Board, who provided insight regarding a 3rd party option as the CHW certifying entity.
- The Community and Clinical Integration Program held its first Held first Behavioral Health Integration/Comprehensive Care Management Learning Collaborative.
- Site Visits began with the Penn Center for Community Health Workers to provide support in assessing CCIP CHW interventions and return on investment analyses.
- SIM has officially transitioned into the Office of Health Strategy. Check out the new website!

Council/ Work Stream	Major Topics Covered	Progress/ Outputs	Next Steps	Upcoming Meetings
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC)	*PCPM* *Population Health* *CHWs* *AY3*	• Approved Report of the CHW Advisory Committee • Approved Rick Brush as the Subject Matter Expert for Community Health Improvement and Financial Strategies on the Population Health Council • Reviewed and Discussed Risks and Strategies for Award Year 3 • Reviewed and Discussed Primary Care Payment Model Planning Process- provided input on stakeholder engagement strategy	• Review and discuss detailed Health Information Technology Timeline and Milestones • Review and discuss Health Enhancement Community Planning Process, including Reference Community strategy	3/8/18 4/12/18
Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)	*Consumer input on barriers to appropriate healthcare*	• The CAB reviewed and approved summaries from 2 CAB rural healthcare forums and a behavioral health event. • Common themes from all 3 events include lack of transportation and social isolation. • For behavioral health, lack of patient provider communication, care coordination, and early screenings were identified as barriers to care.	• The CAB will send the summaries to the event organizers/sponsors for feedback. • The CAB will determine how they will disseminate the reports and key findings to inform relevant stakeholders of the barriers to care and to assist in developing strategies to eliminate such barriers.	CAB Planning Subcommittee Meeting 2/27 CAB Meeting 3/6
Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF)	*PCPM*	• Reviewed and Discussed Primary Care Payment Model Planning Process- provided input on stakeholder engagement strategy	• Finalize Primary Care Payment Model stakeholder engagement strategy • Review and Discuss CCIP Progress and Adjustments for Wave 2	4/24/18

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Health Information Technology (HIT)		• HIT Annual Report provided to the CT Legislature on 2/1/2018 as required.	• Contract Negotiations for RFQ Service Areas: Planning for the start of the Governance Design Group - part of Service Area 1 eCQM and CDAS Pricing and Project Planning for solutions	
Quality Council (QC)	*Reporting Set Alignment*	• Reviewed rate of alignment with national programs (QPP, NQF, CQMC) for the Reporting Measure Set	• Review All Payer Alignment with Core Measure Set	3/14/2018
Care Management Committee (CMC) **(A sub-committee of** MAPOC**)**		• Provided updates and timeline at January MAPOC CMC meeting	• Share update at March MAPOC CMC	3/14/2018

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Population Health Planning (DPH)		• Finalized and released RFP for HEC Reference Communities solicitation. • Finalized and released PSI RFAs for selecting CBOs and AN/FQHCs. A webinar for each PSI RFA was presented by SIM staff and the TA vendor, HMA. • Finalized the HEC Planning Consultant contract with Health Management Associates. • BRFSS staff continued testing the 2018 CT BRFSS questionnaire and making final edits to the 2016 BRFSS summary report. • Data on 2012-2015 avoidable hospitalizations (AH) is being linked with geocoded reference files to allow reporting of AH rates and their associated charges for small-areas within Connecticut.	• Proposals due 3/13/2018, screen and select qualified reference communities by 3/23/2018. • Applications due 3/9 for CBOs and 3/16 for AN/FQHCs, screen and select qualified organizations by 3/26/2018. • HMA kickoff meeting scheduled for March 8th. • 2018 CT BRFSS data collection will soon be underway. • Population estimates will be used to produce a variety of small-area rates for SIM.	
Person Centered Medical Home Plus (PCMH+, formerly MQISSP)		• Published RFP on Jan 8 for Wave 2 • Informally submitted State Plan Amendment to CMS • Participating Entity monthly reports submitted and in review	• Select Wave 2 PEs • Obtain CMS approval of SPA • Prepare for April 1 go-live of Wave 2	3/14/2018
Value-based Insurance Design		• Recruited 11 self-insured employers into targeted technical assistance initiative. Participants will receive one-on-one assistance from Freedman Healthcare to develop and implement a VBID plan for their employees.	• Complete initial assessments of employers and secure MOUs for participation in the targeted technical assistance initiative. • Launch VBID Targeted Technical Assistance on 3/29/18. • Complete VBID assessments with all payers and share results with SIM governance.	June TBD

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UCONN Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative		• Facilitated a CHW Advisory Committee meeting on Feb. 20th where we heard from Jeff Quamme, Executive Director, CT Certification Board, who answered questions and provided insight for a 3rd party option as the CHW certifying entity. • Resolved CHW website issues on the resource and career opportunities pages during an in-person meeting on Feb. 27 with the website consultant. • Attended a Zoom video conference call at CHC, Inc. with the Penn Center for CHWs on Feb. 26 to begin the assessment phase of their process. • Completed an interview session with CHW experts Carl Rush and Joanne Calista with the writing consultant on Feb. 2 to obtain CHW supervision information for the Supervision manual.	• Create three CHW Advisory Committee design groups to develop recommendations to address the various components to the Public Act 17-74. • Execute a strategy for the CHW apprenticeship program. • Continue supporting the assessment phase of the Penn Center for CHWs with all CCIP PEs	

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UCONN Evaluation	*Dashboard*	• Received data for dashboard including commercial claims data from APCD • Completed Commercial CAHPS administration • Compiled quarterly metrics for CMMI	• Begin analysis of APCD data for dashboard to set baselines and targets for healthcare delivery methods • Receive data for upcoming dashboard publications including Medicare and additional commercial claims data from APCD	
	Scorecard	• Continued with user interface and methods development • Presented attribution and measure decision points to Quality Council • With Quality Council determined external informational links (wave one)	• Continue scorecard development • Present decision points on attribution, benchmarks, scoring and presentation to the Quality Council • Begin analysis of APCD data for scorecard • Receive commercial CAHPS data and begin analysis	
Community and Clinical Integration Program	*Behavioral Health* *Comprehensive Care Management* *CHWs*	• Held first Behavioral Health Integration/Comprehensive Care Management Learning Collaborative. • Began site visits with Penn Center for CHWs to provide support in assessing CCIP CHW interventions and ROI analyses. • Completed Re-assessment of progress on CCIP Standards.	• Continue Health Equity Learning Collaborative activities including regular calls and in-person learning session • Complete initial engagement with Penn Center for CHWs which will result in blueprints for each CCIP PEs. • Release summarized results of re-assessment.	N/A
Advanced Medical Home Program		• 144 practices participating in AMH Program • 123 have achieved 2014 NCQA Level II or III recognition	• Transformation vendor will continue to provide TA	NA

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Program Management Office (PMO)	*Operational Plan* *Budget*	• [SIM Operational Plan](#) for AY 3 approved by CMMI • SIM officially transitions into the [Office of Health Strategy](#)	• Preparing to submit carryover funding requests	

ACRONYMS

APCD – All-Payers Claims Database

AHCT – Access Health Connecticut

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

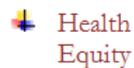**QC** – Quality Council

SIM – State Innovation Model

FQHC – Federally Qualified Health Center

RFP – Request for Proposals

OSC – Office of the State Comptroller

VBID – Value-based Insurance Design

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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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