Connecticut State Innovation Model
Work Stream Update
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- The HISC approved [Health Enhancement Communities Report to be released for Public Comment](). The latest day to submit public comment is February 13th, 2019.
- Two consumer representatives were approved by the Consumer Advisory Board and Health Innovation Steering Committee and were appointed to the Practice Transformation Task Force.
- The Health Information Technology team conducted initial meetings with eCQM Wave 2 participants in November. Contracts and Data Use Agreements are being finalized.
- Two large commercial payers have been engaged to participate in the eCQM pilot project.
- The administrative development of the not-for-profit Health Information Exchange entity is underway and incorporation process is slated to be completed in February.
- Developed vendor contract amendments for 12 Prevention Services Initiative participants including 6 Health Care Organizations and 6 Community Based Organizations for a 12-month implementation of linkage model which will take place from January to December 2019.
- The technical assistance strategy for first cohort of employers participating in the Value Based Insurance Design Initiative concluded. The main takeaways from the first cohort included: overall TA strategy was highly effective, more in-person activities with the other employers would be helpful, and employers are interested to stay involved with the program in order to support future cohorts.
- Efforts to recruit for Participants in the second cohort of the VBID initiative are underway with a goal of 8 employers launching in March 2019. An additional cohort is slated to begin in summer 2019 with a goal of 7 additional employers.
- The results from the PCMH+ Shared Savings calculations were presented to stakeholders. The presentation can be found [here.]()

Council/ Work Stream	Major Topics Covered	Progress/ Outputs	Next Steps	Upcoming Meetings
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC)	*Health Enhancement Communities* *PCMH+*	• Approved Health Enhancement Communities Report to be released for Public Comment • Appointed new members to the Consumer Advisory Board (Christiane Pimentel) and Practice Transformation Task Force (Juan David Ospina and Supriyo Chatterjee) • Received update on PCMH+, including preliminary findings from Wave 1(Presentation can be found here)	• Receive updates on the Community and Clinical Integration Program from Program Participants • Receive update on Primary Care Modernization	1/10/19
Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)	*Consumer input on barriers to appropriate healthcare* *Healthcare Reform*	• Consumer Engagement Coordinator continues to outreach to community organizations for continued consumer engagement events • Two consumer representatives were approved by the CAB and HISC to the PTTF • CAB members and consumers continue representation on PCM Design groups (Diverse Care Teams, Community Integration, Adult Behavioral Health, Pediatrics, Genomics, People with Disabilities, Pain Management) providing questions and concerns addressed in the design process.	• CAB to continue consumer engagement events for 2019 • CAB to continue participation on PCM Design Groups, HEC Model and PCM Payment Reform and will provide continued feedback on process	CAB meeting 1/8/19
Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF)	*Primary Care Modernization*	• Discussed the alignment of care delivery capabilities with recommendations for payment models for Primary Care Modernization (PCM) • Reviewed Payment Reform Council's provision recommendations and work to date • Discussion items can be found here	• Review Pediatric Behavioral Health Capability (PCM) • Review Diverse Care Teams and Adult Behavioral Health Capabilities (PCM)	1/8/19

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Health Information Technology (HIT)	*IAPD-U* *HIE Entity* *eCQM/CDAS* *Health Equity*	• The Health IT Advisory Council met via webinar on 11/15/18 with primary discussion around the All Payers Claim Database. Information was presented on legislative changes that folded the APCD into the Office of Health Strategy, that the APCD Advisory Group became a standing committee under the HIT Council, and its long-term financial feasibility/ regulations that will need to be further discussions • Medication Reconciliation & Polypharmacy Group met on 11/16/18 and 12/21/18. • Initial meetings with eCQM Wave 2 participants were held in November. Contracts and Data Use Agreements are being finalized. Movement has also been made with engaging two large payers. • The administrative development of the not-for-profit HIE entity is underway and incorporation process slated to be completed in February. • The Health Equity Data Analytics (HEDA) project is in phase 2 of its work – Discovery and Analysis. The HEDA team is currently performing a landscape analysis which looks at the current best practices and current methods of collecting SDoH and Health Equity data within and outside of the State.	• HIT Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for 1/17/19 • MRP subcommittees are slated to meet in January with the next MRP Work Group meeting to be held in February. • Finalization of the eCQM Wave 1 and Wave 2 participant agreements and data use agreements anticipated. • Planning for Consent Design Group	• HIT Advisory Council meeting scheduled for 1/17/19 • MRP Subcommittees to meet in January • 1/14 – Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation scheduled.
Quality Council (QC)		• See Evaluation Section	• Explore measures for potential to add to core and/or reporting sets	1/16/19
Population Health Planning (DPH)	*Health Enhancement Communities*	• Health Management Associates (HMA) revised the HEC report following feedback from the Population Health Council (PHC).	• HMA to compile feedback on a rolling basis to complete a disposition summary of all public comments.	N/A

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	Prevention Services Initiative	• PHC meeting held on Nov 29th to review outstanding elements of the HEC report and approval was obtained to advance the document to the Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC). • HMA finalized development of the Medicare Impact Model. • Developed vendor contract amendments for 12 PSI participants, 6 HCOs and 6CBOs with scope of work and budgets for 12-month implementation of linkage model, from January to December 2019. Developed contract amendment SOW and budget to extend HMA TA contract from October 2019 to January 2020.	• Next PHC meeting scheduled for Jan 31st. • Provided detailed review of model to CMMI. • Execute all vendor contracts with the State. Facilitate contractual agreements for 7 linkage model partnerships, 2 for asthma and 5 for diabetes self-management EBPs between HCOs and CBOs.	
Person Centered Medical Home Plus (PCMH+) & Care Management Committee		• Finalized compliance review reports for Wave 1 PEs • Presented to stakeholders regarding Shared Savings Calculations. The presentation can be found here. • Held a care coordination panel discussion • Held a Quality Measures and Risk Scores presentation • Finalized PE monthly/quarterly report summaries	• Begin compliance reviews for Wave 2 PEs • Prepare for first provider collaborative of 2019	1/16/19
Value-based Insurance Design		• Held in-person wrap-up for the first VBID technical assistance cohort, with nine employers completing the program. • Main takeaways from the first cohort included: overall TA strategy was highly effective, more in-person activities with the other employers would be helpful, and employers are interested to stay	• Review public comment on VBID templates with Steering Committee and finalize. • Continue recruiting efforts for the second technical assistance cohort.	N/A

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	involved with the program in order to support future cohorts. • Began recruitment efforts for Cohort 2, with a goal of 8 employers launching in March 2019. An additional cohort is slated to being in summer 2019 with a goal of 7 additional employers.		
UCONN Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative	• Continued working with the Walker Group on the "go fetch" plug-in development for Community Health Workers jobs and jobs postings. • Meeting with Walker Group to develop and create a searchable database that will contain the necessary training resources for Connecticut Health Workers. Contract agreement has been signed and work has begun. • CHW Advisory Meeting facilitated on December 18th when updates on Certification legislation, and Advocacy strategies for supporting legislation for CHW Certification by Committee members was discussed. Research on how Certification Advisory Bodies in other states (Texas, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Mexico) are chosen was presented, as well as discussion about how Certification processes operate in other states. Beginning discussions of what the role of the CHW Advisory Committee will be in the future occurred. • First draft of two (2) one-pagers to explain CHW Certification have been created and have been circulated to the "CHW Advocacy group" (consisting of the SIM CHW Initiative, Health Equity Solutions, Hispanic Health Council, the Office of Health Strategy and the CHW Association of CT.)	• Future CHW Certification presentations with all of SIM workgroups to be planned. • Implement advocacy strategies with CHW Advocacy group incorporating considerations with new administration. • Set up meeting with the Community Colleges to discuss development of CHW Internship format. • Get Apprenticeship paperwork and process initiated with interested employers.	CHW Advisory Group Meeting 1/22/19

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		• Initial outreach to 51 community-based agencies to set up education sessions regarding CHW Certification.	
UCONN Evaluation	*Dashboard*	• Publication of January 1 dashboard including updated population health data. • Commercial CAHPS administration underway • 2017 VBID and APM data collection continued • Continued data collection efforts including data for dashboard and planning for Physician and Entity Surveys	• Analysis of APCD data to set baselines and targets for healthcare delivery methods • Complete commercial CAHPS administration, report on entity specific results of Medicaid CAHPS data to Mercer • Publish RFP for Physician Survey
	Scorecard	• Continue with analysis of commercial claims data and user interface development • Finalized provider lists with Advanced Networks and initiated communication with FQHCs on project and provider lists • Presented to Quality Council on status and methods, obtained feedback on methods	• Continue user interface development and commercial claims analysis including integration of attribution module • Continue engagement with healthcare organizations
Community and Clinical Integration Program		• All Wave 2 CCIP Participating Entity contracts and Wave 1 Supplemental award contracts were executed. • Learning Call was held with the CCIP participants and representatives from University of Minnesota Physicians and Hennepin Health to inform the collection of granular race and ethnicity data.	• Validation Vendor (IPRO) will join CCIP check-in calls in January to begin preparing the participants for the validation process. N/A • Announce Subject Matter Expert Panel and finalize contracts. • Finalize Health Equity improvement vendor contract.
Grant Administration		• OHS submitted the Operational Plan for Award Year 4. Awaiting final approval from CMMI	

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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

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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