

Connecticut State Innovation Model Work Stream Update



Highlights

- The [MQISSP RFP](#) was released right on time, and will be accepting proposals until August 2.
- The [CCIP Transformation Awards RFA](#) was released (Deadline: August 11). Transformation Awards of up to \$500,000 will be provided to some MQISSP participants to help them achieve CCIP standards.
- The [CCIP vendor RFP](#) was released (Deadline: August 18). The vendor will provide transformation support to those MQISSP participants eligible for CCIP.
- The Quality Council released the second draft of the [Quality Council Report](#) for public comment.
- The final SIM HIT Council meeting was held on June 17. Some SIM HIT Council members were appointed to the [State Health IT Advisory Council](#), which will continue the SIM HIT efforts in conjunction with its work.
- The PMO continues to accept [applications for the AMH program](#), with 5 new applications received in June.
- The Consumer Engagement Coordinator contract was finalized, officially bringing North Central Regional Mental Health Board on board to support consumer engagement planning and implementation.
- The second successful Rural Health Forum was held on June 3rd at Northwestern Connecticut Community College.
- The [Population Health Council](#) appointees were finalized and a successful first meeting launched the Council on June 30.
- The VBID employer templates ([Basic](#) and [Expanded](#)) were finalized and presented to the Steering Committee with positive review. The employer manual was also developed and will be finalized in July.
- The UConn Evaluation team continued working with DPH to re-base SIM performance targets, began work on the CT online public scorecard, and posted a [dashboard update](#).

- The CHW Advisory Committee made progress on developing a definition of CHWs and a scope of practice.

Council/ Work Stream	Major Topics Covered	Progress/ Outputs	Next Steps	Upcoming Meetings
Healthcare Innovation Steering Committee (HISC)	Population Health Quality Measures MQISSP VBID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved remaining Population Health Council nominees Reviewed and discussed second draft of Quality Council Report, approving its release for public comment Received updates on and discussed MQISSP Reviewed and discussed VBID templates (Basic and Expanded) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and discuss VBID Implementation Guides for fully and self-insured employers Observe and discuss rebasing strategy for Population Health measures Observe Operational Plan work stream presentations for performance year 1 Discuss HIT updates 	7/14/16
Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)	Population Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted the 2nd Rural Health Forum in Northwestern Connecticut on June 3. Nominated consumers/advocates to the Population Health Council Held Planning Committee meeting to discuss CAB member surveys, discuss strategies for increasing outreach for consumer representatives and community input, and discuss CAB priorities Worked with the PMO to plan for the Consumer Engagement Coordinator's start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with PMO and Videographer to develop and distribute proceedings from the Behavioral Health Listening Forum. Continue intensive planning efforts, in conjunction with the Consumer Engagement Coordinator, to develop the Consumer Engagement Strategy 	7/12/16

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Practice Transformation Task Force (PTTF)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No June meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	8/9/16
Health Information Technology (HIT)	<i>HIT Council</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIM PMO continued work on the edits to the Operational Plan submitted on May 20. The final meeting of the SIM HIT council was held on June 17. UConn HIT Team helped facilitate the meeting in which the status of the Ops Plan and the Zato demonstration were discussed. Some members of the SIM HIT Council were appointed as members of the State Health IT Advisory Council. Meeting information can be found here. The Lieutenant Governor's Office began recruiting for the Health Information Technology Officer (HITO). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LG's Office will continue recruiting for HITO. Finalize HIT section of the Operational Plan. PMO will produce summary detailing the work of the SIM HIT Council. 	Statewide HIT Advisory Council: 7/21/16
Quality Council (QC)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and discussed edits to second draft of the Quality Council Report. Approved Quality Council Report for review by HISC and public comment Prepared for discussion of public scorecard design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and prepare response to public comment on Report Work with evaluation team on public scorecard design Discuss CQMC measure set with CMMI 	7/13/16

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Care Management Committee (CMC) (A sub-committee of MAPOC)	<i>MQISSP</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convened a work session to further develop MQISSP design at the June 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. 	7/13/16
Population Health Planning (DPH)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized appointments to the Population Health Council and held first meeting • Worked with evaluation team on rebasing efforts for Population Health Measures • Initiated discussion with Medicaid to outline points of interest to draft an MOA. • Explored points of alignment with the VBID work stream. • Discussed areas of coordination with the workforce development work stream. • Discussed with PMO alignments between PTF Community Health Collaboratives and HEC model. • Presented in the CAB Rural Health Forum. • Advised the PMO on CCIP vendor RFP. • Submitted a revised Population Health Operational Plan. • Led discussions about SIM with the SHIP Health Systems workgroup. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue planning efforts in conjunction with HRiA for upcoming Population Health Council meetings • Develop a DPH-DSS MOA • Maintain the alignment and coordination with SIM work streams 	7/28/16

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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. RFP was finalized and released on June 6 for the procurement of participating entities for the MQISSP. Participated in the June MAPOC Care Management Committee work session to further develop 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"> A fourth Consortium meeting was held on June 1st to discuss final edits to the V-BID templates (Basic and Expanded). The V-BID templates were presented to the Steering Committee and were well received. An employer manual was drafted and shared with Consortium members for feedback. The main comments indicated a necessity for two versions of the manual- one each for self-insured and fully-insured employers. A final webinar was held on June 30 to allow for final comments on the employer manual. An additional Learning Collaborative design group meeting was held to further planning efforts. An initial conversation was held with AHCT to consider the options for integrating VBID into offerings on the individual and Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) marketplaces. Potential barriers were examined and the possibility of a 2019 timeframe (rather than 2018) was discussed to allow sufficient time for product development, approval, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final versions of the self-funded employer manual, which include the templates, will be finalized and shared with the Steering Committee in July. Work on the fully-insured manual will continue. Engagement strategies for both fully and self-insured employers will be further developed through separate tracks and processes. The OSC and the PMO will work with the contractor, CBIA and other business groups, and interested Consortium members to plan for the Learning Collaborative kickoff, to be held in the fall. 	No meetings currently scheduled

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UCONN Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzed evaluations from 5/24 CHW symposium. Received very positive feedback. For example, 95% of the 43 participants who completed evaluations “agreed” or “strongly agreed” that the symposium will better enable them to contribute to decision-making about CT’s CHW service-delivery system. • Met with the CT Dept. of Labor on 6/23 to identify CHW-apprenticeship opportunities and CHW employers to participate in our PY1 employer-needs survey. • Held 3rd meeting of the CHW Advisory Committee on 6/14 to discuss and adopt a definition and scope of work. Details of meeting available here. • Completed first cut of video for CHWs on the use of 211. <p>Non-SIM Related Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented on SIM and CHW Initiative at the CDC to project officers of its Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (6/28). • Participated in structured group interview about CHWs in CT by the New England Public Health Training Center (6/14). • Met with leaders of the CHW Association of CT (CHWACT) and CT Public Health Association (CPHA) to help finalize the establishment of CHWACT as a formal section of CPHA and to strategize about further developing CHWACT (6/15). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present PY1 Operational Plan to the HISC on 7/14. • Convene 4th meeting of the CHW Advisory Committee on 7/21. • Continue to engage stakeholders. • Establish definition/scope design group 	7/21/16


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UCONN Evaluation	<i>Population Health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third meeting with DPH to discuss strategy for resetting of population health targets • Attended monthly call with National Evaluators • Completed document for health plans about care experience survey processes, requests and timeline • Published July 1 dashboard • Continue data acquisition for October 1 dashboard • Began proposal for CT online healthcare scorecard • Completed assessment of CMMI reporting requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards October 1 dashboard publication • Continue data acquisition for dashboard • Attend monthly call with National Evaluators • Continue working with DPH to reset population health targets, calculate updated HIDD based targets and present resetting strategy to Health Information Steering Committee • Present scorecard plans and options to Quality Council • Continued communication with health plans about care experience survey • Begin discussions with DSS regarding CAHPS for Medicaid 	N/A

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Advanced Medical Home Vanguard Program		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 practices have completed Standard 1-6 webinars • 23 practices have submitted their site specific survey tool to NCQA and are working on Planetree Bronze • 10 new practices have submitted their Corporate tool • 24 practices began working on the corporate survey tool elements • The PMO received 5 new applications to the AMH Program • On June 13th, the PMO released an addendum to the AMH Vanguard Program RFA that extends the deadline for submission of applications for the second cohort from June 13th to July 13th. • The amendment to the Qualidigm contract to accommodate the addition of a new cohort in 2016 was executed on June 9th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue transformation services and aggressive recruitment of second cohort of SIM practice participants. • Consider additional options for evaluating the pilot 	N/A
Program Management Office (PMO)	<p>Quality Council</p> <p>CCIP</p> <p>Consumer Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized contract for Consumer Engagement Coordinator • Finalized amendment to Freedman Health Consulting contract to extend work on VBID • Continued work on Operational Plan • Finalized Quality Council Report and released for public comment • Finalized and released CCIP vendor RFP • Finalized and released CCIP Transformation Awards RFA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize and submit Operational Plan by August 1 to CMMI 	N/A


ACRONYMS

APCD – All-Payers Claims Database

 Population
Health

 Health
Equity

 Healthcare
Quality

 Consumer
Empowerment

 Affordability

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

 Population Health

 Health Equity

 Healthcare Quality

 Consumer Empowerment

 Affordability