



## HEALTHY CONNECTICUT 2020 ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Coordinating Call/Meeting Summary February 27, 2015 3 pm- 4 pm

**Purpose:**

Coordinating Call to organize and orient the renewed Advisory Council and new Advisory Council members; To receive input on plans for the March 31<sup>st</sup> in-person meeting.

**Attendees:** Mark Abraham, DataHaven; Pat Baker, CT Health Foundation; Andrea Boissevain, Stratford Health Dept; Mary Boudreau, CT Oral Health Initiative; Donna Burke, Health Resources in Action; Teresa Conroy, State Representative; Mehul Dalal, CT Dept of Public Health; Miriam, Delfin Rittman, Dept of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Louise Dembry, Yale New Haven Hospital; Judith Dicine, Office Chief State Attorney; Marisol Feliciano, St. Francis Hospital; Colleen Gallagher, CT Dept of Correction; Jennifer Herz, CT Business and Industry Association; Erin Jones, March of Dimes; Lynn Ide, Universal Health Care Foundation of CT; Laura Knapp, Consumer; Anne Melissa Dowling, CT Dept of Insurance; Liz Beaudin, CT Hospital Association; Jim Maloney, CT Institute/Greater Danbury Community Health Center; Scott Sjoquist, Mohegan Tribe; Rose Swensen, Health Resources in Action; Babatunde Green, CT Dept of Veterans Affairs; Kathi Traugh, CT Public Health Association; Nancy Yedlin, Donahue Foundation; Cmr. Jewell Mullen, CT DPH; DC Katharine Kranz-Lewis, CT DPH; DC Janet Brancifort, CT DPH; Sandy Gill, CT DPH; Joan Ascheim, CT DPH; Kristin Sullivan, CT DPH

**Discussion:**

An overview was provided on the structure and roles of [Advisory Council](#) and the [Executive Committee](#). It was noted that these would evolve and be refined over time as the group works through the implementation phase.

The first in-person meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2015 and the time will be used to begin shaping the 2015 Action Agenda. Coalition member and DPH survey results will be shared as a starting point and the group will identify who is working on what areas of the plan and where there is momentum. Identification or development of Action Teams and preferred lead conveners including criteria, will also be discussed (e.g. have infrastructure, staff, capacity, has work under way, is unbiased/ trusted public health entity). The local coalition work in Bridgeport was shared as an example of a similar process. Their community assessment was completed, a plan developed, four priority areas were defined, and workgroups were formed around these priority areas.

Participants shared impressions of the process to date, including feedback on the current organizational structure, the progress on the Performance Dashboard, and their excitement and readiness to move forward with this initiative. A local level Members noted the importance of accessing data and measuring progress – “what gets measured gets done”. Commissioner Mullen reiterated the department’s commitment to providing leadership through the implementation process. She discussed converging and connecting people and organizations as a way of embracing a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach to improving the public’s health.



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**Follow up:** Members were asked to complete and send the following to [HCT2020@ct.gov](mailto:HCT2020@ct.gov) by March 13, 2015:

- Complete the survey to help identify activities and existing groups working in areas that align with the SHIP. Survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9Q782HQ>
- Recommendations for Faith Based Community representation on the Advisory Council
- Nominations for a “Member at Large” for the Executive Committee (must be currently on the Advisory Council and can be a self-nomination)
- Complete the [Coalition Membership Form](#) to reaffirm/formalize organizational or individual membership to the CT Health Improvement Coalition.

**Next Meeting:** March 31, 2015 from 9 am- 12 pm at the State Public Health Laboratory, 395 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067