



CONNECTICUT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION

Partners Integrating Efforts and Improving Population Health

HEALTHY CONNECTICUT 2020

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Summary
May 23, 2017
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Meeting Purpose and Outcome:

Discuss and provide examples of public health innovation that may be applied to future SHIP planning; monitor progress and discuss issues related to the SHIP Policy Agenda and Action Teams.

Attendees:

Patricia Baker, CT Health Foundation/Advisory Council Chair; Elizabeth Beaudin, CT Hospital Association; Mary Boudreau, CT Oral Health Initiative; Mehul Dalal, CT Dept. of Public Health; Judy Dicine, Chief State's Attorney's Office; John Frassinelli, CT Dept. of Education; Jordana Frost, March of Dimes; Brenetta Henry, Consumer Representative; Shawn Lang, AIDS CT, Robyn Gulley, North Central Area Agency on Aging; Lynne Ide, Universal Health Foundation; Patrick McCormack, Uncas Health District; George McDonald, Consumer Representative; Elaine O'Keefe, Yale School of Public Health; Scott Sjoquist, Mohegan Tribal Health; Janet Storey, CT Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Kathi Traugh, Connecticut Public Health Association; Nancy Yedlin, Donaghue Foundation; Rob Zavoski, CT Dept. of Social Services; Rose Swensen, Health Resources in Action;; Rosa Biaggi, CT Dept. of Public Health; Kevin Borrup, CT Children's Medical Center; Lindsey Kelley, CT Dept. of Public Health, Krista Veneziano, CT Dept. of Public Health, Kerry O'Neal, CT Green Bank; Madeline Priest, CT Green Bank; Chantelle Archer, CT Dept. of Public Health; Sandy Gill, CT Dept. of Public Health, Kristin Sullivan, CT Dept. of Public Health; Melissa Touma, CT Dept. of Public Health

Public Health Innovation:

The Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI)

Kristin Sullivan discussed the Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI), a division of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). PHNCI seeks to identify, implement, and spread innovations in public health practice and be the national hub for public health innovations. PHNCI will focus on three areas including: 1) Systems transformations required to provide the *Foundational Public Health Services* and ensure health equity; 2) Promoting cross jurisdictional sharing of public health services/cross sector partnerships; and 3) Innovations in State Health Reform – population health and delivery of health care services.

Connecticut Green Bank

Kerry O'Neill, Vice President, Residential Programs

Madeline Priest, Manager, Residential Programs

Connecticut Green Bank was created through legislation in 2011 to promote investment in clean energy. Previously, investments in clean energy were not reaching many low to middle income communities, so they decided to do some strategic planning to reach these communities. CT Green Bank is currently partnering with the Department of Housing (DOH) and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) to combine energy efficiency and housing. After learning from the Green/Healthy Homes Initiative in Baltimore that home energy efficiency can also impact health outcomes, CT Green Bank would like to try to replicate this initiative in Connecticut. They recently met with members of the SHIP Environmental Health Action Team to begin looking at the possibilities and potential partners, including possible foundation sources for financing such an initiative in Connecticut.



2017 Policy Agenda Update:

Several policy agenda priorities have passed out of committee and are currently included on the House and Senate calendars. Some of the proposed bills that we have been following include a fiscal note. Considering the current budget situation, bills with fiscal notes are moving to the floor more slowly than those without any fiscal impact. There is still plenty of opportunity for members to educate and advocate these issues.

Paid Family Medical Leave - Proposed [SB 1](#) and proposed [HB 6212](#) have moved out of committee; however, neither proposed bill has been called for a vote yet. Both bills contain a fiscal note for FY18.

Tobacco – Increase age to purchase to 21 years - Proposed [HB 5384](#) was amended to carve out exemptions for those turning 18 years prior to the 10-01-2017 effective date, as well as military personnel. With these exemptions, the fiscal impact of this proposed bill would not take effect until 2020.

Community Health Worker – Proposed bill [SB126](#) in its current form does not have a fiscal impact.
(UPDATE: on 05-25-2017, Proposed SB126 passed out of the Senate)

Property Maintenance Code (PMC) - This issue is still being discussed; however, the original proposed bill did not make it out of committee. Other avenues are being explored and Senator Christopher Rosario is still championing this issue.

HPV Vaccine funding – at this point funding to cover HPV vaccine for 11 & 12 year olds has remained intact in the proposed revised budget.

Action Team Progress and Key Questions:

Chronic Disease

- ***What action team initiative is getting the most traction and why?*** The obesity subgroup has been collaborating with the CT Food Bank and CT Food Share to establish either food policy councils or hunger action teams in pilot communities. Additionally, the group has been looking at improving the quality of donated food sources through promoting a healthy food donation list, which is available in both English and Spanish. A companion document is being developed to explain the purpose of the list, suggestions for use, and recipe sources that could be shared along with the list. The group is using a layered approach to disseminate the donation list, and to aid in the implementation of this approach they developed a set of *proposed roles for action team members in their own organizations*, and a set of *proposed roles for action team members with their partner networks* (See slides 9 and 10 of the power point slides).
- ***Input/Feedback from Advisory Council on ways to disseminate the healthy food donation list:*** Suggestions included: partnering with primary care physicians in disseminating the list; including some education/promotion to ensure there will be a demand for the healthier options; additional consideration might include some education and outreach on reading nutrition labels and eating healthy.

Infectious Disease

- ***What action team initiative is getting the most traction and why?*** The team has been working to increase HPV vaccination rates for male and female adolescents 13 to 17 years of age to meet CDC guidelines. This is being done through the dissemination of fact sheets and circulating Cmr. Pino's article on the HPV vaccine as a cancer preventive.



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- **Input/Feedback from Advisory Council on possible organizations that would be helpful in supporting the HPV vaccine:** Suggestions included: utilizing DSS, specifically individuals receiving services; focusing on organizations where young people are going into the healthcare field; exploring organizations that offer behavioral health and HIV services (i.e. Charter Oak); possibly training different types of health professionals in how to bring up the HPV vaccine in their interactions with adolescents (example: oral health professionals).

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

- **What action team initiative is getting the most traction and why?** The Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) is working on a factsheet for consumers on the risks of and alternatives to opioid pain relievers, and the DPH Prevention Workgroup is using community geo mapping to locate pharmacies that prescribe NARCAN to treat known or suspected opioid overdose.
- **Input/Feedback from Advisory Council on how people can access NARCAN:** One member emphasized that more work needs to be done with DCP and the CT Pharmacy Association. Someone suggested contacting the Oversight Council of Coordination Care. Another member suggested contacting Tim Buckley and Marie Smith from the UCONN School of Pharmacy.

Injury and Violence Prevention

- **What action team initiative is getting the most traction and why?** The Action Team is building collaboration around fall prevention by engaging the CT Physical Therapist Association and the CT Occupational Health Association in an initiative to identify gap communities and possibly provide fall prevention screening and/or programming for community dwelling adults who may not have had access to these types of services.
- **Input/Feedback from Advisory Council on how to find organizations that are working on fall prevention and identify gap areas:** Robyn Gullely, the Deputy Director for the North Central Area Agency on Aging, emphasized that fall prevention is different depending on who you talk to. There is a tendency to assume that adults would seek those services at a Senior Center, and that is not always the case. The group should also look at other community non-profit groups in determining gap communities.

Advisory Council members should email any additional input/feedback they may have for any of the Action Teams at HCT2020@ct.gov.

Events:

- The 3rd Annual iCAN Conference will be held on September 28th from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The conference will be held at The Artists Collective (1200 Albany Avenue, Hartford CT, 06112). DMHAS, DCF, DSS, along with Comr. Pino will be presenting.
- The Third Annual Conference on Hoarding will be held on May 25th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Central CT State University. It will be available on <https://ct.train.org> after the conference.

Next Steps/Next Meeting Dates

- Process for Updating Policy Agenda for 2018 – Members should be thinking about ways to engage partners in this process.
- **Next Advisory Council Meeting:** August 24, 2017, 9:30 am-11:30 am (DPH Lab, 395 West Street, Rocky Hill CT)