



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NANCY WYMAN

Health Care Cabinet

Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Cabinet Attendees: Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, Chair; Patricia Baker, Vice Chair; Phil Boyle; Roderick Bremby; Jeannette DeJesús; Demian Fontanella; Bonita Grubbs; William Handelman; Terrence Macy; Donna Moore; Jewel Mullen; Frances Padilla; Pat Rehmer; Margaret Smith; Linda St. Peter; Robert Tessier; Joanne Walsh; Joshua Wojcik; Peter Zelez

Absent: Ellen Andrews; Anne Foley; Janice Gruendel; Steven Hanks; Sarah Kolb; Jeffrey Lucht; John Oraziatti; Alfreda Turner; Tory Westbrook;

1. Call to Order & Introductions | Lt. Governor Wyman

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman opened the meeting at 9:01 am by welcoming all attendees.

2. Administrative Business | Lt. Governor Wyman

Minutes from the March 13, 2012 meeting were approved with one correction.

3. Public Comment | Lt. Governor Wyman

Bishop Cruz from the Interfaith Fellowship for Universal Health Care spoke of the importance of helping communities provide affordable health care for everyone. A Hartford resident since 1968, he shared his personal story of an insurance company denying payment for cancer surgery. He presented the fact that many don't have health insurance because it's too expensive; these people often must choose between health care and food. He implored the Cabinet to help change this and thanked them for giving him the opportunity to speak. Lt. Governor Wyman told Bishop Cruz to stay well and assured him that everyone seated around the table was working on this.

4. APCD Advisory Group Update | Special advisor Jeannette DeJesús

Special advisor Jeannette DeJesús described recent work of the All Payer Claims Database. She said there have been a series of meetings held to address concerns and misconceptions. Regular meetings will continue as the budget is being developed and an outline is created for the development of a database. Peter Zelez inquired about the costs for this initiative, initially and going forward. Special advisor DeJesús replied that as this is still developing, she has no cost

data to share currently, but added there are federal funds to assist with establishing the APCD. Further information is available [online](#).

5. Office of Health Reform & Innovation – Updates | Special advisor Jeannette DeJesús

Special advisor DeJesús reported that the Office has been awarded \$50K by the Connecticut Health Foundation to help support the APCD. This funding will allow the Office to hire a consultant to work with the Cabinet in developing the APCD. Additionally, this will provide assistance to the Commission on Health Equity in establishing criteria for the APCD. CT is also a finalist for a grant opportunity for an initiative that will provide support to 75 primary care practices. Special advisor DeJesús introduced Matt Salner, a new member of the Office who will act as a lead person for NASHP and Health Equity projects. Mr. Salner will be meeting with several commissioners to define scope of practice, trainings, etc. relating to Health Equity. Special advisor DeJesús added that the Office of Health Reform & Innovation serves as a central repository of all health reform efforts in CT, adding that there are upcoming changes that will make the [website](#) more substantive.

6. 2012 Priorities | Vice chair Pat Baker

Vice chair Pat Baker spoke briefly about work group recommendations to the Cabinet. She reported that Delivery System Innovation has delivered their top three recommendations. Vice chair Baker asked that all work groups prioritize their recommendations in May. The Business Plan group has agreed to present their recommendations in June.

7. Work Group Updates

Basic Health Plan | Special advisor Jeannette DeJesús

Special advisor DeJesús said this group has convened and begun to discuss their charge. Members and meeting information will be posted on the website, where several relevant reports and legislation regarding the [Basic Health Plan](#) can be found.

Consumer Advisory Board | Special advisor Jeannette DeJesús

The Office of Health Reform & Innovation is required by legislation to conduct an inventory of all health initiatives in the state. Bobbi Schmidt has identified the following agencies thus far: the Departments of Social Services, Public Health, Children and Families, Corrections, Insurance, Mental Health and Addiction Services; the Comptroller's Office; the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange; and the Health Information Technology & Exchange – CT. These agencies will be surveyed to gauge all activities relating to health reform implementation, including federal and state initiatives. The timeframe for this is being established. Information on this group's activities is available [online](#).

Health Technology (HIT)

There was nothing to report at this time. Information on this work group is available [online](#).

Delivery System Innovation (DSI) | Vice chair Pat Baker

This group is working to narrow down priorities and establish a schedule. Further information is posted [online](#).

Business Plan Development | Frances Padilla

This group is working to identify three priorities, and will present these to the Cabinet in June. Thus far, there has been discussion about identifying gaps in access to coverage and affordability, looking at HIT and DSI recommendations to coordinate priorities with those groups, and seeking joint meetings with other groups to eliminate duplication of priorities. There has been discussion about working with the Comptroller's Office to look at the state employees' health plan. Details on the Business Plan Development work group are available [online](#).

Health Insurance Exchange | Lt. Governor Wyman

Lt. Governor Wyman reported that Tia Cintron attended a conference in Washington DC and reported that CT's Exchange efforts got favorable reviews. Bob Tessier reported that this group has been meeting and interviewing candidates for the CEO. It is hoped that three candidates will be selected for the Governor's consideration within the next month. Further information on Exchange activities can be found [online](#).

5. Next Steps

The May 8, 2012 Cabinet meeting will be postponed because it is the last day of the legislative session.

6. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.