

**MEETING MINUTES:
CARE DELIVERY TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 2, 2021

MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION

Care Delivery Transformation Committee
Health Policy Commission
50 Milk Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA

Docket: Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 11:00 AM

PROCEEDINGS

The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's (HPC) Care Delivery Transformation (CDT) Committee held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

Members present included Ms. Barbara Blakeney (Chair), Mr. Marty Cohen (HPC Vice Chair), Dr. John Christian "Chris" Kryder, and Undersecretary Lauren Peters designee for Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders.

Ms. Patricia Houpt was also in attendance remotely.

The meeting notice and agenda can be found [here](#).
The presentation from the meeting can be found [here](#).
A video of the meeting can be seen [here](#).

Ms. Blakeney welcomed commissioners and the viewing public.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2021 MEETING

As a quorum of committee members were not present at the start of the meeting, the vote on the minutes from the February 10, 2021, CDT meeting was tabled until additional commissioners could join.

ITEM 2: EOHHS QUALITY MEASURE ALIGNMENT TASK FORCE

Ms. Blakeney turned the presentation over to Ms. Kelly Hall, Senior Director, Health Care Transformation and Innovation (HCTI). Ms. Hall introduced Ms. Vivian Haime, Senior Manager, HCTI, who presented an update on the Quality Measure Alignment Task Force. For more information, see slides 6-13. The Quality Measure Alignment Task Force portion of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Mr. Cohen asked if there were a way to reward organizations that had large jumps in adherence rates over a short period of time and, relatedly, if there was an opportunity to have conversations with organizations that were making slower progress or even regressing in adoption. Undersecretary Peters said that there was not a statutory framework in place that gave a formal ability to incentivize an uptick in utilization of these measures. Ms. Blakeney asked if there were ways absent a statutory mandate that progress by organizations could be acknowledged as a way of encouraging or incentivizing other organizations that were not doing as well. Undersecretary Peters said that this was a topic that was worthy of further discussion. Dr. Kryder suggested that a DataPoints addition outlining organizational performance in adoption of these measures might be a worthwhile step in this direction.

With a quorum present following the presentation, Ms. Blakeney called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2021, CDT Committee meeting. Mr. Cohen made the motion. Dr. Kryder seconded it. The vote was taken by roll call and the minutes were approved unanimously.

ITEM 3: INVITING NARRATIVES OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) TREATMENT IN THE PERINATAL PERIOD: A FOCUS ON RACE AND EQUITY (INSPIRE) PROGRAM

Ms. Hall introduced Ms. Rachel Applewhite, Program Associate, HCTI, who presented on the INSPIRE program. For more information, see slides 15-22. The INSPIRE Program presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Mr. Cohen asked to what extent the program had widened the net to seek out peer recovery coaches from substance use agencies across the state. Ms. Applewhite noted that staff had engaged Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) in the Department of Public Health (DPH) and clinical teams working at various hospitals and had reached out to some Moms Do Care Programs which widely engage peer recovery coaches. She added, however, that there were difficulties finding peer recovery coaches who identify as people of color.

Ms. Blakeney asked whether there was opportunity for engagement with homeless shelters for pregnant individuals. Ms. Applewhite said that there had been conversations with organizations in Lawrence that connected staff with organizations that provide housing for pregnant individuals and women. She said that these organizations were not largely supported by a peer support system but do provide support for pregnant individuals.

ITEM 4: MOVING MASSACHUSETTS UPSTREAM (MASSUP) EVALUATION DESIGN

Ms. Hall introduced Ms. Catherine Harrison, Deputy Director, HCTI, who turned the presentation on the evaluation design for the MassUP Program over to Dr. Ta-Wei Lin, Senior Epidemiologist, DPH Bureau of Community Health and Prevention. For more information, see slides 24-38. The MassUP Program evaluation design presentation can be viewed [here](#).

ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Blakeney adjourned the meeting at 12:07 PM.