

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2021

4:00-7:00 pm

Regular Meeting

[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)

**Directors Present:** Vicki Veltri, Lisa Stump, Mark Raymond, Stacia Grosso, Mike Gilbert  
Commissioner Gifford, Dr. Allen Davis, and Pat Charmel

### **Opening, Roll Call, Opening Statement:**

Vicki Veltri welcomed the Board and called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

### **May Board Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Vicki Veltri asked for a motion to approve the May regular meeting minutes. Dr. Allen Davis created the motion. Mark Raymond seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**Motion:** Vicki Veltri asked for a motion to approve the July 7, 2021, meeting agenda. Pat Charmel created the motion. Stacia Grosso seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

#### I. Reports

##### a. Board Chair Report

Vicki updated the Board that the Office of Health Strategy is still in the Health Information Technology Officer (HITO) search process and remains optimistic of the onboarding of filling the position shortly.

Vick reported that [Senate Bill 955](#): (AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND A STUDY OF PAYMENT PARITY FOR HUMAN SERVICES

PROVIDERS), which puts Commissioner Gifford officially on the Board of Directors, is awaiting the Governor's signature.

OHS is in the process of finalizing the CT Five-Year Statewide HealthIT Plan draft report. They are waiting for partner agencies to provide final input on the draft before the report is shared with the Health IT Advisory Council for their review.

Public Act 21-35 (formerly S.B 1) which requires the collection of race, ethnicity, and language data. This is relevant to this Board for providers who are participating in the Health Information Exchange, the requirement begins in January 2022 but there is an implementation planning process that OHS has to undertake this August. OHS will be proceeding down that path with facilitation from the CT Health Foundation.

b. Executive Director Report

Jenn's E.D. update will be reported in the Business section of the agenda.

c. Finance & Audit Committee Report

Mark reported that the Finance & Audit Committee held a meeting on June 30, 2021. Mark thanked the volunteer committee members. During this meeting, they discussed the initial report from the independent auditor's review of financial statements. They met with Megan Budd and Frank Miceli from Marcum, LLC. The report was clean, all transactions were fully reviewed. The audit report was approved for FFY 2020.

Michelle Puhlick also presented an informative draft review of the sustainability work during this meeting including the long-term outlook across funding sources. The members had an opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for additional actions.

## II. Business Agenda

a. Board Treasurer and Secretary

**Motion:** Vicki Veltri asked for a motion that the Board table the election of the Board Treasurer and Secretary until August. Pat Charmel created a motion. Lisa Stump seconded. There was no further discussion. **The motion carried.**

b. Update on Onboarding and Milestones

Jenn Searls updated the Board on Connie's progress on onboarding and milestones. Jenn announced that Connie is now live with both organizations ProHealth and Yale's ADTs. Also, live with SOHO health's patient's panels. Connie continues the process of working through getting organizations legally onboarded and then moving onto technical onboarding. Currently, there are 75 organizations that have signed the legal agreements are in process of technical onboarding, and 100+ organizations in the pipeline of for legal negotiations.

Jenn reported on the use case status. The eConsent use case is live, this is the service of that provides patients the ability to opt out of participating in Connie through the Connie website and completing forms where consent is maintained.

Later this month, Connie will be collaborating with the CT Department of Consumer Protection on the integration of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

Additionally, the Connie portal is now live and being tested.

Connie is working with the chairs of the Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy Committee to stand up a working group to develop a Best Possible Medication History (BPMH) in early Fall 2021. Connie is working on how to operationalize the requirements for the BPMH underlined in the Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy Report.

Connie is working with The Department of Social Services to develop a provider directory.

Jenn noted that The Office of National Coordinator has an Interoperability and Information Blocking Rule that requires patients to have access to their data in Connie. This afternoon, Connie had a great discussion for the second Patient Access Taskforce meeting to help think through the policy implications, procedures, and technology needed.

There was a two-part series with payers that walked through what collaboration with Connie would look like. A third payer forum is in planning

to be scheduled with payer partners at the end of July or beginning of August.

Jenn provided a status update on the ongoing funding contract milestones between Connie and OHS.

c. Update on OHS Recommendations Regarding Consent Policy

OHS General Counsel, Demian Fontanella shared an update on the process and any key highlights OHS is recommending on the Draft Consent Policy. Demian recalled a few months ago, OHS had intended to promulgate regulations on the consent policy. Subsequently, OHS has shifted focus by providing a draft with OHS Recommendations on the Consent Policy to Connie to inform the development the implementation of the consent policy. The draft recommendations were also released for public comment for a 30 day period, and the public comments are in process of being reviewed and will be used to revise the draft.

IV. Adjournment

**Motion:** Vicki Veltri asked for a motion to adjourn. Stacia Grosso made a motion to adjourn. Pat Charmel seconded. **None opposed.** The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.