

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
February 5, 2025
4:00-6:00 pm
Regular Meeting

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- I. Opening
 - a. Welcome - Sumit Sajnani, CT Health Information Technology Officer
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Approval: Meeting Agenda
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board approve the meeting agenda.
 - d. Approval: Meeting Minutes
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board approve the December Annual Meeting minutes.
- II. Public Comment
- III. Reports
 - a. Board Chair
 - b. Executive Director
 - c. Finance & Audit Committee
 - d. Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security Committee
 - e. CSS Board
- IV. Business Agenda
 - a. Appointment of Board Secretary
 - b. FY25 Q1 Milestones Update
- V. Executive Session
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board enter executive session to discuss corporate strategy.
- VI. Adjournment

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[Zoom Recording](#)

Directors Present: Sumit Sajnani, Patrick Charmel, Mark Raymond, Adam Prizio, Dr. Allen Davis. Absent: Claudio Gualtieri, Stacia Strouss, Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves.

Opening

Welcome: Sumit Sajnani welcomed the Board and called the meeting to order at 4:03pm. Sumit Sajnani welcomed Heidi Wilson, Connie's HIE Services Director, to present during the business agenda, as well as Bill Roberts and Stephanie Gomes-Ganhao, both of Day Pitney, to participate in the executive session discussion.

Roll Call: Gwen Reyes called the roll and confirmed quorum.

Meeting Agenda: Sumit Sajnani requested a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Mark Raymond created a motion to accept the agenda. Adam Prizio seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes: Sumit Sajnani requested a motion to approve the December meeting minutes as submitted. Dr. Allen Davis created a motion to approve the minutes. Adam Prizio seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Reports

Board Chair Report: Sumit Sajnani reported that, on a federal level, the new administration has introduced a number of executive orders that are currently being reviewed by both the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Attorney General. At this point it is not anticipated that those orders will affect the statewide health information exchange, additionally, no indication has been received by CMS relating to the use case funding detailed in the APD. OHS will continue to monitor for any changes that could impact the statewide HIE. Sumit Sajnani further reported that the Governor has unveiled the proposed FY26 and FY27 state budgets which reflect all of the funding for the statewide HIE as requested by OHS. It should be noted that this is not the final budget, but the chair is pleased that the Connie funding was incorporated in it. Discussions and negotiations may ensue due to the current economic climate, the chair looks forward to having those discussions to inform legislators about Connie and the work the HIE does as good stewards of that funding. Another topic of note is that the FY26 and FY27 APDs are currently under development and that due to the higher federal 56% cost share there is an opportunity to evaluate what work can be accelerated as compared to the originally contemplated roadmap.

Executive Director Report: Jenn Searls provided an update on Connie's work, starting with an announcement that the first behavioral health EMR, TherapyNotes, went live on the HIE. This go-live required a substantial body of work around ensuring all parties' concerns regarding data were addressed and collaboration with TherapyNotes to provide education and training as to how data is transmitted, handled, and displayed by Connie. Subsequently Connie has onboarded another behavioral health EMR. Jenn Searls also reported on 2024 utilization levels increasing, that Connie hit an all-time high on query levels last week, an additional 33 provider organizations went

live in FY25 Q1, and that CVS Omnicare's data is now available on Connie's Medication Management view. Jenn Searls further informed the board that Connie applied to grants with CT Health Foundation and CHEFA for help funding the data quality platform, responses to both applications are pending. Jenn Searls also provided an update on the Quality Improvement (QI) Project relating to the elements the Data Quality Governance Committee agreed would be helpful to report on and the work around evaluating the various improvements to focus on.

F&AC Report: Claudio Gualtieri was not present for this agenda item. The agenda was amended to omit the F&AC Report later in the meeting prior to adjournment.

PC&S Report: Mark Raymond indicated he does not have any report outs relating to the PC&S Committee as they have not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting, which was rescheduled, is in late February.

CSS Board: Sumit invited Dr. Allen Hsiao to provide an update to the Board as the Connie representative to the CSS Board. Dr. Hsiao responded that he has several updates to share with the Connie Board. Dr. Hsiao informed the Board that CSS had a major accomplishment in developing the technology for event notifications which allows them not to depend on a vendor and manage their own technology. This technology is being referred to as CEND (CSS Event Notification Delivery). CEND allows Connie to enhance Connie Alerts and supports the creation of Population Explorer. Another relevant update is that CSS continues to look for opportunities to apply their HIE technology and was recently awarded a contract with Florida, this will potentially be beneficial to Connie as many CT providers' patients travel back and forth from/to Florida. Another notable update is that Maryland is participating in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) AHEAD (All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and Development) Model which could potentially result in opportunities for collaboration across HIEs. Connecticut is in the second cohort of states slated to participate in the AHEAD Model. Lastly, CSS was selected as one of the three Implementation Center awardees for the \$255m Public Health Data Modernization Implementation Center Program, which was funded by CDC through the Public Health Infrastructure Grant. This award tasks CSS with providing infrastructure implementation services to public health agencies across the country for the next 3 years. The goal is to accelerate the adoption of modern data exchange and integrate health data into the public health ecosystem in a more efficient and timely manner. CT DPH has submitted projects, in this instance, and has been assigned to CSS as their implementation center.

Business Agenda

Appointment of Board Secretary: Sumit Sajnani informed the Board that Aryan Anthony is replacing Gwen Reyes as Board Secretary as roles have been realigned at Connie. Sumit Sajnani requested a motion from the Board to approve the appointment of Aryan Anthony as Board Secretary. Mark Raymond made the motion to approve the appointment and Patrick Charmel seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

FY25 Q1 Milestones Update: Heidi Wilson began this update with an overview of the FY25 use cases. Heidi Wilson informed the board that Connie has six use cases in development this year, specifically, Data in the Workflow, Logic-based Alerts, Population Health Reports, Medicaid Redetermination, Patient Mediated Affirmative Consent, and HSRN/SDOH Assessment. Heidi Wilson provided a milestones update as of FY25 Q1 indicating an overall status of 30% of all milestones being completed in the 1st quarter and that Connie is on track to complete an additional 30% by the end of the 2nd quarter, therefore completing 60% of the milestones by the mid-year mark.

Executive Session: Sumit Sajnani requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss corporate strategy and invited Jenn Searls, Michelle Puhlick, Bill Roberts, and Stephanie Gomes-Ganhao into the session. Patrick Charmel motioned to enter executive session. Mark Raymond seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Prior to adjournment Sumit Sajnani requested a motion to amend the agenda to omit the Finance and Audit Committee item in the Reports section of the agenda as Claudio Gualtieri did not attend the meeting. Adam Prizio motioned to amend the agenda and Patrick Charmel seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:19p.

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