

**Data Analytics Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2025 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET**
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ATTENDANCE:

By Electronic Device:

Olga Armah	Leann Miller	Joe Quaranta
Sarah Carr	Roslyn Murray	Michelle Wilson
Mehul Dalal	Dan Pumerantz	Josh Wojcik
Stephanie de Abreu	Ayesha Clarke (for Katherine Villeda)	
Rick Hein		

Absent:

Michaela Dinan

Other Participants:

Alex Reger	LaShauna Minott	Michael Bailit
Patty Blodgett	Matt Reynolds	

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Josh Wojcik called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Josh then reviewed the agenda for the meeting and invited members to introduce themselves.

CHARTER AND BYLAWS

Josh Wojcik reviewed the vision, mission, and objectives of the Data Analytics Workgroup. Any feedback on these documents should be provided to Patty Blodgett.

BACKGROUND ON CONNECTICUT'S HEALTHCARE BENCHMARK INITIATIVE

Michael Bailit reviewed the origins and purpose of the Healthcare Benchmark Initiative. Michael summarized the annual timeline for the initiative. Michael then reviewed the logic model for a cost growth benchmark.

- Mehul Dalal asked about the extent to which OHS uses predictive analytics. Michael replied that this had not been a formal component of the Healthcare Benchmark Initiative, though OHS does informally take into account information from insurer rate filings, mergers and acquisitions, and trends such as surging GLP-1 use.
- Leean Miller agreed that it would be helpful to use predictions around which conditions are expected to grow, citing companies such as Sg2 and IQVIA that provide this information.

Michael Bailit reviewed the Healthcare Cost Growth Benchmark values for 2021–2025 and shared Connecticut performance against the benchmarks for 2021, 2022, and 2023. For 2023, Michael shared cost growth benchmark performance by market, noting that Medicaid was the only market to meet the 2023 benchmark. From 2019–2023, commercial per capita spending grew 25%, while median household income only grew 16%.

Michael reviewed the primary care spending target values for 2021–2025 and shared Connecticut performance against the targets for 2022 and 2023. Finally, Michael reviewed the 2022–2025 Quality Benchmarks and performance against the 2023 benchmark values by market.

OHS DATA USE STRATEGY

Patty Blodgett reviewed the data transparency webpage and data analysis tools that OHS had made publicly available, demonstrating the use of the Hospital Dashboard. Patty reviewed OHS' revamped Healthcare Benchmark Initiative Data Use Strategy including 5 new priorities for leveraging state data and asked members for their reactions. She also explained the prior data use strategy priorities.

- Joe Quaranta suggested adding consideration of market efficiencies by accounting for baseline spending and prices when looking at trends, rather than looking at trends alone. Michael Bailit replied that doing so would require risk adjustment to allow comparison across provider groups, noting that risk adjustment can be fraught.
- Joe Quaranta also suggested leveraging data that providers are making publicly available in response to federal requirements for transparency.
 - Olga Armah replied that OHS had looked at the Transparency in Coverage (TiC) data a couple of years prior and found that the data files were difficult to use.
 - Michael Bailit wondered if the effort would provide much more information than what is currently available in the All-Payer Claims Database.
- Ayesha Clarke asked what level of detail would be included in the market census report. Patty Blodgett replied that initially the report would only include data by market, insurer, and funding type and provide a comparison of sources.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patty Blodgett offered the opportunity for public comment. No member of the public provided comment.

NEXT STEPS & MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Josh Wojcik noted the next meeting would be held on May 21st from 2–3 pm. Josh invited members to email Patty (Patricia.Blodgett@ct.gov) with any topics they would like to see added to future agendas. The meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM.

UPCOMING MEETING:

May 21, 2025

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