



Healthcare Benchmark
Initiative Steering Committee
August 4, 2025

Meeting Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
3:00 p.m.	I. Welcome and Roll Call
3:05 p.m.	II. Approval of May Meeting Minutes – Vote
3:10 p.m.	III. Introducing OHS’ New Acting Commissioner
3:15 p.m.	IV. Evolution of Advisory and Consulting Bodies
3:30 pm.	VI. Public Comment
3:40 p.m.	VII. Wrap-Up and Next Steps
3:45 p.m.	X. Adjournment

Approval of May 20th Meeting Minutes – Vote

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- Following Commissioner Gifford's retirement, Governor Lamont announced on June 20th that **Amy Porter**, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Aging and Disability Services, agreed to serve in dual capacities as acting commissioner of OHS for an interim period.



New Advisory and Consulting Bodies

Existing Steering Committee

- Approximately 30 members representing state agencies, hospitals, provider networks, business purchasers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and others
- Provided guidance as the establishment of the Benchmark Initiative grew

What we've learned

- Reduced need for monthly meetings and opportunities for efficiency
- Through recent experience with new specialized workgroups (such as the Data Analytics Workgroup and the Technical Team), OHS believes purchasers, consumers, and policy experts could valuably contribute to the Benchmark process.

Advisory Body Evolution



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Benchmark Stakeholder Committee

- Approximately 27 members
- Substantially similar mix of state agencies, hospitals, insurers, provider networks, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and others
- Every active participant on the existing Steering Committee will be offered a spot on one of the two new groups
- Limited revisions to Steering Committee Governance
- Will meet Quarterly (approximately Feb, May/Jun, Sept, Nov) with set agendas (Benchmark Results, Benchmark Hearing, October Report Preparation, Additional Discussions)

Benchmark Impact Group

- Approximately 17 members
- Providers, Consumers, Academics, Legislators, Municipal purchasers, Small Employers
- Every active participant on the Steering Committee will be offered a spot on one of the two new groups
- New governance structure documents
- Will meet every two months (approx. Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Advisory Body Evolution: Goals

Continuity of Stakeholder Feedback

- The larger Stakeholder Group will ensure that OHS receives continued feedback from large stakeholders on the Benchmark Initiative, leveraging their expertise in health economics and the healthcare system to improve our process

New Voices, with a Consumer and Small Business Focus

- The smaller impact group allows a more concentrated group of stakeholders to examine Benchmark best practices and its impact on end users.
- Adds important expertise and enhances voices that are currently missing from the process: the Office of the Healthcare Advocate, FQHCs, Access Health CT, legislators, small businesses.
- Adds expertise of state, regional, and national healthcare academics

Advisory Body Evolution: Timeline



Tentative Meeting Dates

Month	Benchmark Impact Group	Steering Committee / Stakeholder Group (Quarterly)
September 2025		X
October 2025		
November 2025	X	
December 2025		X
January 2026	X	
February 2026		
March 2026	X	X
April 2026		
May 2026	X	
June 2026		X

Public Comment

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Next Steps

- Steering Committee will next meet in September, and then continue quarterly
- OHS will begin the process of recruiting and building the Impact group