

# SustiNet Health Partnership

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Board Attendees (Appointing Authorities in parentheses): Nancy Wyman, Comptroller, co-chair; Kevin Lembo, Healthcare Advocate, co-chair; Paul Grady, Mercer (Rep. Lawrence Cafero); Norma Gyle, DPH (Governor M. Jodi Rell); Bruce Gould, AHEC (Sen. Donald Williams); Sal Luciano, Council 4 AFSCME (Rep. Christopher Donovan); Joseph McDonagh, Self-Employed (Sen. Martin Looney); Jamie Mooney, Norwalk Hospital (Sen. John McKinney); Ellen Andrews, co-chair Medical Home Advisory Committee and Healthcare Work Force Task Force, ex-officio; Lucy Nolan, co-chair, Obesity Task Force, ex-officio; C. Todd Staub, co-chair Provider Advisory Committee, ex-officio; Rob Zavoski for Michael Starkowski, DSS Commissioner, ex-officio;

Legislative Attendees: Sen. Jonathan Harris and Rep. Betsy Ritter

Absent: Jeffrey Kramer, UConn School of Business (Rep. Denise Merrill); Thomas Sullivan, Insurance Commissioner, ex-officio; Christine Vogel, DPH Deputy Commissioner for Robert Galvin, DPH Commissioner, ex-officio.

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Kevin Lembo and Nancy Wyman welcomed the board members and introductions of board members followed.

The Board unanimously approved the draft meeting minutes from October 28, 2009 with minor changes.

New ex-officio board members, Ellen Andrews (co-chair Medical Home Advisory Committee and Healthcare Work Force Task Force), Lucy Nolan (co-chair Childhood and Adult Obesity Task Force) and C. Todd Staub (co-chair Provider Advisory Committee) were introduced.

Vicki Veltri gave an update on procedures that committees and task forces need to know for their meetings. She reminded everyone that the meetings are public meetings and must comply with the Freedom of Information Act, therefore, the public should have access to every meeting, even if the meeting is conducted by phone should be recorded for minutes. She told the members that she would e-mail a tip sheet to co-chairs of advisory committees and task forces.

Kevin Lembo led the board to a review of the advisory committee lists thus far for voting. Late submissions require consideration. The names on the list of each committee that were marked ready for action were then approved.

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Bruce Gould, Paul Grady, Bonita Grubbs, Norma Gyle, Jeffrey Kramer  
Estela Lopez, Sal Luciano Joseph McDonagh, Jamie Mooney

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HIT members marked ready for action were unanimously approved after motion from Sal Luciano, second by Estela Lopez.

Medical Home members marked ready for action were unanimously approved after motion by Sal Luciano and second by Bruce Gould.

Provider Advisory Committee members marked ready for action were unanimously approved after motion by Sal Luciano and second by Estela Lopez.

The Preventive Healthcare Advisory Committee members marked ready for action were unanimously approved after motion by Sal Luciano and second by Jamie Mooney. The Disparities and Equity Advisory Committee is in development by Estela Lopez and Rev. Bonita Grubbs. There will be a vote on members of that committee at the next meeting.

Kevin expressed the chairs desire to finalize the committee memberships at the next board meeting. The names of approved members of each committee are contained in this file:



Microsoft Office  
Excel Worksheet

Michael Mitchell of the Office of the Healthcare Advocate then gave an update and demonstration on the new SustiNet website, [www.ct.gov/sustinet](http://www.ct.gov/sustinet).

Scott Cleary of e-HealthConnecticut made a presentation to the board on e-Health's progress and the importance of health information technology/exchange. eHealthConnecticut will go live in 2010 as part of a pilot with the Department of Social Services. Mr. Cleary's presentation is contained in this file:



Microsoft PowerPoint  
Presentation

The Board members asked some questions of Mr. Cleary about coordination, opting-in to the database, unique patient identifiers, cultural competence of the systems, uses of the system for quality analyses, payment for a system and the likelihood of federal reimbursement for HIT activities.

Kevin Lembo reported that an alert will be sent to members again to gauge the timing of a new call with Stan Dorn and Jon Gruber.

Finally, the board discussed moving the Board's regular meeting date from November 25<sup>th</sup> to either November 23<sup>rd</sup> or November 30<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Lembo agreed to send out a message to the board using a web-based scheduling program.

The board also agreed to cancel its December meetings in favor of the advisory committees and task force meetings that board members may wish to attend. The board will add as an agenda item to the next meeting's agenda, the scheduling of meetings beginning in January 2010.

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Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting November 30, 2009 1:00 p.m., LOB Room 1E