

**MEETING MINUTES:  
CARE DELIVERY TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of February 9, 2022**

**MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION**

Care Delivery Transformation Committee  
Health Policy Commission  
50 Milk Street, 8th Floor  
Boston, MA

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Docket: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 11:00 AM

## **PROCEEDINGS**

The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's (HPC) Care Delivery Transformation (CDT) Committee held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

Members present remotely included Ms. Barbara Blakeney (Chair), Mr. Marty Cohen (HPC Vice Chair), Dr. John Christian "Chris" Kryder, and Undersecretary Lauren Peters designee for Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders.

Dr. Stuart Altman was also in attendance remotely.

The meeting notice and agenda can be found [here](#).

The presentation from the meeting can be found [here](#).

A video of the meeting can be seen [here](#).

Ms. Blakeney welcomed commissioners and the viewing public and notified the public that the committee were waiting on one more commissioner to approve the minutes from October 6, 2021 CDT meeting and went to the first agenda item.

### **ITEM 1: Moving Massachusetts Upstream (MassUP) Awardee Presentation: Hampshire County Food Policy Partnership**

Ms. Blakeney turned the presentation over to Ms. Kelly Hall, Senior Director, Health Care Transformation and Innovation (HCTI). Ms. Hall introduced Ms. Caroline Kinuthia, Manager, HCTI, who presented on the MassUP program and introduced the Hampshire County Food Policy Partnership team, including Jeff Harness, Chief Community Relations and Communications Officer, Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Caitlin Marquis, Program Manager, Healthy Hampshire, Collaborative for Educational Services, and Kia Aoki, Resident Leader – Hampshire County Food Policy Council. For more information, see slides 5-24. The MassUP Awardee presentation portion of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Dr. Kryder asked what employers or companies have partnered with Hampshire County Food Policy Partnership. Ms. Marquis said that there has not been a lot of engagement from businesses, but they have been in conversations with one business in downtown Northampton, a few farmers, and mobile market programs. Mr. Harness acknowledged that they are interested in exploring ways to open conversations with businesses in the area.

Mr. Cohen asked if Hampshire County Food Policy Partnership ran into resistance from emergency food providers or resistance to their efforts overall. Ms. Marquis said that they have not experienced significant resistance from emergency food providers and said they have worked with emergency food providers, through funding, to connect their work. Ms. Aoki spoke about a national project at Johns Hopkins and her experience with that program.

Ms. Blakeney asked if they are doing any activities with community gardens or seasonal food harvesting. Ms. Aoki said that a community garden was started in 2019 and was successful in its first year. COVID-19 stalled the garden for a year, but it was brought back and it is an ongoing project.

Ms. Blakeney asked if Ms. Aoki could identify what was engaging from this program for her and other community participants and what the program has done right. Ms. Aoki said that the program gave them equal power to make decisions on how things happen in the program. Mr. Harness agreed and noted that research shows that when communities are empowered to identify the issues they want to work on and the solutions they want, the change lasts longer. Ms. Blakeney agreed and expressed the desire to go visit the program in the community.

## **ITEM 2: Quality Measure Alignment Taskforce: DataPoints Highlights and Current Priorities**

Ms. Blakeney turned the presentation over to Ms. Kelly Hall and Ms. Vivian Haime, Associate Director, HCTI, who presented an overview of the findings on adherence to the Massachusetts Quality Alignment Measure Set. For more information, see slides 25-31. The Quality Measure Alignment DataPoints portion of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Dr. Altman said that he did not see Allways listed as a payer on the presentation and asked if the team is working to get them involved. Ms. Haime said they have reached out, but Allways has not submitted data as part of the quality measure catalog survey in past years. Dr. Altman asked if they were interested or if the team just hasn't been able to reach them and noted that they are a payer and a provider and could be important. Ms. Haime noted the team will work on further ways to engage with Allways. Ms. Blakeney reiterated the question and asked if they were resistant to participation. Ms. Haime said she couldn't comment because they have issued the survey to them, and she would follow up with colleagues at the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) to see if they have more information. Ms. Blakeney asked Dr. Altman if that answered his question and he noted that it's important to get them involved.

Mr. Cohen asked if the team was working with Health New England to find out why their acceptance of the measures has lagged. Ms. Haime said they recently reissued the quality measure catalogue to Massachusetts payers and were currently analyzing the data to assess whether Health New England's adherence rate has increased. Ms. Haime also noted that they did follow up with Health New England and other payers after the previous year's survey and a number of payers cited legacy contracts as a barrier to adherence to the Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set.

## **ITEM 3: REPORT FINDINGS: Cost-Effective, Coordinated Care for Caregivers and Substance Exposed Newborns (C4SEN) Investment Program Status Update**

Ms. Blakeney turned the presentation over to Ms. Kelly Hall and Ms. Molly Sass, Manager, HCTI, who provided an overview of the C4SEN program. For more information, see slides 32-45. The C4SEN portion of the meeting on the report findings can be viewed [here](#).

## **ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE October 6, 2021 MEETING**

Ms. Blakeney called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2021, CDT Committee meeting. Mr. Cohen made the motion. Ms. Blakeney seconded it. The vote was taken by roll call and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## **ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Blakeney adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.