

Healthy Connecticut 2025 State Health Improvement Plan Advisory Council Meeting

June 1, 2022
3:30-5:00 PM
Virtual via ZOOM



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Sandra Gill, CT DPH

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HEALTHY CONNECTICUT 2020 ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Summary
June 01, 2022
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting Purpose: To kick off the 2022 SHIP Advisory Council, introduce new council members and action team co-leads, review action team priorities, and approve current year action plans.

Attendees

Commissioner Manisha Juthani, CT State Dept. of Public Health; Mark Abraham, DataHaven; Dr. Fred Browne, MD, Physician Representative; Claudio Gualtieri, CT Office of Policy and Management; Abby Alter, CT Office of Health Strategy; Robyn Gulley, North Central Area Agency on Aging; Erin Windham, CT State Dept. of Agriculture; Andrea Duarte, CT State Dept of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Brad Richards, CT State Dept of Social Services; Brenda Bergeron, CT State Dept of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; James Michel, Access Health CT; Jorge Moreno, Physician Representative; Michael Santoro, CT State Dept of Housing; Nancy Hamson, Yale New Haven Health; Sailaja Puttagunta, Physician Representative; Shannon Yearwood, CT State Dept of Education; Supriyo Chatterjee, Independent Consultant; Tanya Barrett, United Way of Connecticut; Tiffany Donelson, CT Health Foundation; Kevin Borrup, CT Children’s Hospital; Marijane Carey, Carey Consulting; Donna Burke, Health Resources in Action; Rose Swensen, Health Resources in Action; Mario Garcia, CT Dept. of Public Health; Sandy Gill, CT Dept. of Public Health; Vidya Ganesan, CT Dept. of Public Health; Jeanette Goyzueta, CT Dept. of Public Health; Lita Orefice, CT Dept. of Public Health

Welcome and Member Perspective

This meeting was the first meeting of the SHIP Advisory Council in 2022. Members, new and returning, were able to introduce themselves on camera. Responses to two questions asked of members when registering for the meeting, were briefly shared with the group via the PowerPoint slides.

- ***What experience and knowledge do you hope to contribute to the Advisory Council?***
 - Responses included clinical expertise, topical areas included in the plan, and a strong history of working with coalitions. (See slide 3 for a list of responses)
- ***What do you hope to get from participating on the Advisory Council?***
 - Responses included learning more about what initiatives are currently happening in the state, learning more about partners addressing SHIP priorities, and an excitement to move strategies forward. (See slide 4 for a list of responses)

Commissioner’s Remarks

Commissioner Juthani welcomed members and thanked them for their commitment to serving on the SHIP Advisory Council. Members were recruited for their diverse backgrounds, action-oriented mindset, and their ability to work collaboratively to facilitate change. The current membership of the Council represents a broad spectrum of perspectives and expertise which will help to inform the work of the SHIP Action Teams and move forward the progress of state health improvement activities in the state.

In addition to advising and making recommendations on the implementation and refinement of the Plan, SHIP Advisory Council members were asked to act as ambassadors and educators on the SHIP. This could include

assisting with making strategic linkages to their existing networks and contacts, or providing input on policies and systems change that can reduce health risks and improve health outcomes. The Commissioner also acknowledged that these last two years of the pandemic have demonstrated that when we work together, we are stronger together.

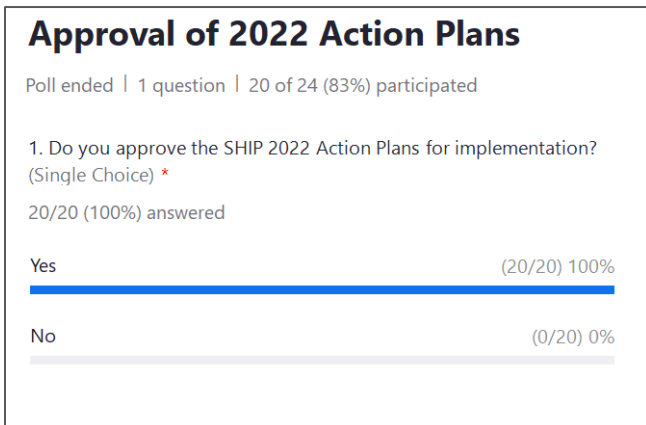
SHIP Status Update

The Healthy CT 2025: State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) was launched in September 2021. As part of the planning process, SHIP partners supported the concept of flipping the planning matrix to focus on the upstream common ground issues of the social drivers of health that impact multiple health outcomes for Connecticut’s most vulnerable populations. Members of these teams have been meeting to prioritize strategies and develop activities for the 2022 Action Plans. These action plans were shared with SHIP Advisory Council members via email prior to this meeting. Once action plans are approved by the Advisory Council, implementation of each of the four priority areas of the SHIP will continue with the convening of four SHIP Priority Area Action Teams. Each team will proceed under the leadership of two Co-lead Conveners (one state agency representative and one non-state agency representative). Co-leads for the action teams were announced during this meeting (see slide #7).

2022 Action Plans

Each SHIP implementation Action Team creates an annual action plan with the goal to provide a realistic blueprint of activities and action steps that can be implemented and tracked, as well as indicate roles and responsibilities to which the SHIP Action Teams can hold themselves accountable. An overview of the prioritization process was shared with Advisory Council members. Draft copies of the SHIP Action Plans were shared with Advisory Council members via email prior to the meeting. Many of the activities proposed for this year include learning more about the existing policies and systems that residents must navigate related to the social drivers of health; learning how non-health sectors measure success and address equity; and identifying new partners to invite to the discussion. High level summaries of the 2022 SHIP Action Plans can be found on slides 14-17.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback by raising their hand or entering comments via chat for the meeting. Members also made recommendations for additional partners to engage related to the prioritized strategies. After discussing each of the action plans, members responded to a poll to approve all four action plans (see comments on page 4 of this summary).





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Next Steps

- Upcoming meetings will continue as 90-minute virtual meetings occurring every other month through the end of 2022.
 - August 24th, 2022 2:00PM – 3:30PM
 - October 19th, 2022 2:00PM – 3:30PM
 - December 14th, 2022 2:00PM – 3:30PM
- Action Teams will be notified that the action plans were approved by the SHIP Advisory Council and implementation will continue with monthly meetings starting in July.
- Future SHIP Advisory Council meetings will each include at least two Action Team updates presented by the team's Co-Lead Conveners. Advisory Council members will have an opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and make recommendations to advance the prioritized work of each team.

CT SHIP Advisory Council Meeting

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Suggestions for Additional Partners

Priority A: Access to Health Care

- Broadband companies
- The CT BHP Behavioral Health Plan
- One key aspect of health care access that has been an important priority and related to ARPA workforce resources is diversifying the health care workforce. There is evidence that patients have better health outcomes and more culturally competent care when the health care workforce is reflective of communities served
- OHS, Commercial insurance companies, DSS
- Municipal governments, CCM
- DECD - new economic programs for equity
- Community Health Workers to address care coordination, FQHCs
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- School Based Health Centers
- There is state office of workforce strategy that should be involved
- Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this critical planning initiative, particularly with regard to Priority D 1.
- Community health workers
- B1 financial literacy organizations
- For access, we should assure that adequate insurance access is included re: uninsured and underinsured

Priority B: Economic Stability

- B1 organizations that influence free or reduced daycare
- DECD - new economic programs for equity
- Local United Ways
- Economic Stability: Community Colleges
- AARP CT for insights on financial security, retirement, and livable communities
- UHartford Women's Business Center
- City of Hartford Re-Entry center
- B1-4. With the COVID pandemic, many options opened up for remote work which could help many people in underrepresented communities. Targeting these opportunities for these communities

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Priority C: Healthy Food and Housing

- 4-CT for cash supports
- CT State Colleges and Universities and the CT National Guard. Both serve at risk populations
- School Nutrition Association of Connecticut
- CT Foodshare
- Encourage community farming
- End Hunger CT
- faith based organizations
- Mark Schaefer, VP Innovation and Finance for Ct Hospital Association; Hospitals
- DSS SNAP
- C1-C4. For the strategy topics. Was resident education about "healthier" foods discussed?
- CFAN in New Haven
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Priority D: Community Strength and Resilience

- Child Health and Development Institute has mental health training program in schools that also include training police, etc. on how to respond to children's mental health needs in schools
- CT Conference of Municipalities, CT State Library, CT Association of Directors of Health
- D2 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- D5 Boys and Girls Clubs of CT
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- Thank you for these suggestions! Some of the groups mentioned do have representatives on the SHIP who are not with us today.

Q&A

- Incorporate culturally linguistic & appropriate language across all priorities, not just in D
- Q: (chat) Are the action plans just collecting the work that is being done on these priorities?? Or are you going to start new collaborative initiatives? A: Yes (both)
- Q: Where can I find the accomplishments of the last SHIP? A: The collaborative accomplishments of Healthy CT 2020 action teams are summarized in the [Healthy CT 2025: State Health Improvement Plan](#) document pages 12-14.

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Carey	Marijane	Carey Consulting
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