

Health Care System Planning – Work Group Structure and Membership

As of October 23, 2024



The Health Care System Planning process is using Work Group teams to help inform the December report that is required by [Governor McKee’s Health Care System Planning Executive Order](#). Each Work Group is co-convened by at least one Cabinet member and one community co-facilitator, with meaningful participation from key community partners. Members of our consultant teams are leading the organization and activities of the Work Group, with support from State Agency staff. There is one Work Group for each of the main health care sectors represented in the planning process: Behavioral Health, Health-Related Social Needs, Hospitals, Long-Term Care, and Primary Care.

Each Work Group is also tasked with including the cross-cutting issues that are part of the Health Care System Planning Work – workforce, payment reform, equity, data, HIT/HIE, and quality. Each Work Group has members with expertise in these areas. The consultants will take the lead in the report writing in these areas.

The chart below shows the Cabinet and Community Co-Facilitators for each Sector, the primary state agencies working with the Work Group, and the consultant teams providing support and the current Work Group members. Each Work Group is also supported by Freedman Healthcare for data-related activities and needs.

Sector	State Convener/Facilitator	Community Co-Facilitator	Consultant Support
Behavioral Health	Director Ashley Deckert Director Rich Leclerc Commissioner Shannon Gilkey	Sandra Victorino, Care New England & the Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity	Alec McKinney, JSI
Existing Behavioral Health Work Group Members/Subject Matter Experts:			
Beth Bixby (Tides), Carrie Miranda (Looking Upwards), Ben Lessing (CCA), Chris Gadbois (Care Link), Colleen Daley Ndoye (Project Weber/RENEW), Darlene Allen (Adoption RI), Dominic Delmonico (Point32Health), Donald Laliberte (Brown Health), Kathleen Kemp, Ph.D. (Family Court), Susan Dickstein, (RIAIMH), Elizabeth Lowenhaupt (Brown Health /DCYF), Heather Gaydos (Brown Health), Henry Sachs, MD (Brown Health), John Tassoni (SUMHLC), Kathleen Donise, MD (Brown Health), Kristi Provuncher (Zinnia Health), Larry Warner (United Way), Lauri Smalls (Turning the Corner Residential Treatment), Laurie-Marie Piscotta (MHARI), Linda Hurley (CODAC), Margaret Holland McDuff (FSRI), Megan Clingham (MHA), Rachael Clemons (EOHHS), Sandy Valentine (RICARES), Susan Lindberg (DCYF), Susan Orban (WCCC), Susannah Slocum (EOHHS), Tanja Kubas-Meyer (RICCF), Tyrone Jackson (PSNRI), Ellie Rosen, EOHHS, Amy Katzen (Medicaid), Brenda Amodei (BHDDH), Chris Strnad (DCYF), Tom Martin (BHDDH), Blythe Berger (RIDOH), Tara Cooper (RIDOH)			

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Health-Related Social Needs	Director Kim Brito Director Lindsay Lang	David Cicilline, Rhode Island Foundation	Erin Boles-Welsh - JSI

Existing Health Related Social Needs Work Group Members/Subject Matter Experts:

Director Maria Cimini (OHA), Carmen Diaz-Jusino (RI Foundation), Garry Bliss (Prospect/CharterCARE), Heather Gaydos (Brown Health), Jean Cola (LISC), Jim Beardsworth (DHS), Lisa Tomasso (HARI), Nancy Wolanski (United Way), Paige Clausius Parks (Kids Count), Rilwan Feysitan (Eastbay CAP), Rosemary Costigan (CCRI), Sarah Lawrence (CHWARI), Shamus Durac (RIPIN), William Hochstrasser-Walsh (CCAP), Zach Gerson-Nieder (RI Foundation), Allegra Scharff (EOHHS), Chris Ausura (EOHHS), Kim Rauch (RIDHS), Marisa Petreccia (RIDHS), Olutosin Ojugbele (RIDOH), Kristine Campagna (RIDOH)

Sector	State Convener/Facilitator	Community Co-Facilitator	Consultant Support
Hospitals	Secretary Rick Charest Assistant Secretary Ana Novais Commissioner Cory King Director Matt Weldon	John Fernandez, Brown Health	Deb Faulkner-Faulkner Consulting Group

Existing Work Group Members/Subject Matter Experts:

Aaron Robinson (South County Health), Al Charbonneau (RI Business Group on Health), Anusha Venkataraman (ONE Central Providence HEZ), Ara Milette (Brown Health), Attorney General Peter Neronha (RIAG), Cedric Priebe (HIT Steering Committee/ Brown Health), Diana Franchitto (Hope Health), Gerry Goulet (Health Policy Analytics LLC), Jane Hayward (RIF, retired), Linda Katz (Healthcare Coalition, retired), Lou Giancola (South County), Lynn Blais (UNAP), Marie Ganim (OHIC, retired), Martha Wofford (BCBS), Mary Marran (CNE/Butler), Michael Sousa (Landmark), Michael Wagner (CNE), Michelle Sears (NHPRI), Mukesh Jain (Brown Medical School), Pat Crowley (AFL-CIO), Rosemary Costigan (CCRI), Sam Salganik (RIPIN), Susan Jacobsen (Thundermist), Lisa Tomasso (HARI), Marti Rosenberg (EOHHS), Rick Brooks (EOHHS), Fernanda Lopes (RIDOH), Mike Dexter (RIDOH)

Sector	State Convener/Facilitator	Community Co-Facilitator	Consultant Support
Long-Term Care and Healthy Aging	Director Kristin Sousa Director Maria Cimini Director Kasim Yarn	Joan Kwiatkowski, PACE	Anne Doyle - Spark Living & Learning Margaret Franckhauser- JSI

Existing Work Group Members/Subject Matter Experts:

Lt. Governor Sabina Matos (Long Term Care Coordinating Council), Cristina Amedeo, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Jim Nyberg, Leading Age, Jim Connell, Age-Friendly RI, Catherine Taylor (AARP), Christina Messina (RIC), John Gage (RIHCA), Marianne Raimondo (RIC), Maureen Maigret (Long Term Care Coordinating Council), Meg Grady (Meals on Wheels), Mike Florczyk (UnitedHealthcare), Nicholas Oliver (RIPHC), Patrick Vivier (URI), Paul Murgo (VETS), Tina Spears (CPNRI), Karen Staster (Medicaid OCP), Liv King (Medicaid), Maureen Donnelly (LTSS), Meghan Connelly (OHA), Melody Rodrigues (OHA), Rose Leandre (LTSS), Jacqueline Kelley (RIDOH), John Bonin (EOHHS/Medicaid)

Sector	State Convener/Facilitator	Community Co-Facilitator	Consultant Support
Primary Care	Director Jerry Larkin Commissioner Cory King	Elena Nicolella, Rhode Island Health Center Association	Michael Bailit - Bailit Health

Existing Work Group Members/Subject Matter Experts:

Jeff Borkan, MD (Brown University), Peter Pogacar, MD, FAAP (AAP), Stacy Paterno (RIMS), Tom Bledsoe, MD (Brown University), Aaron Guckian (RI Dental), Beth Lange, MD (PCMH Kids) Brittany “Star” Hampton, MD (Brown University), Deb Hurwitz (CTC/PCMH Kids), Donna Policastro (RI State Nurses Association), Farah Shafi, MD (BCBS), Jordan Broadbent (RIAG), Michael Wagner (CNE), Michelle Muscatello (Delta Dental), Neil Sarkar, Ph.D. (Brown University), Peter Hollman, MD (Brown Physicians), Peter Marino (NHPRI), Weayonnoh Nelson-Davies (Economic Progress Institute), Zach Gerson-Nieder (RI Foundation), Ed McGookin, MD (Coastal), Barry Fabius, MD (UHC), John Bonin (EOHHS), Cheryl Leclair (RIDOH), Dr. Sam Zwetchkenbaum (RIDOH), Dr. Olutosin Ojugbele (RIDOH), Manny Ortiz (RIDOH), Molly McClusky (OHIC)