

Minutes of the Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council December 6, 2022

Council members present: Ms. Laura Adams; Mr. Niels Puetthoff, designee of Commissioner Gary Anderson, Division of Insurance; Mr. Brent Benson, Office of the State Auditor; Ms. Fay Donohue; Ms. Cassandra Roeder, designee of Secretary Michael Heffernan, Executive Office for Administration and Finance; Dr. Meredith Rosenthal; Executive Director David Seltz, Health Policy Commission; Ms. Lauren Peters, designee of Secretary Marylou Sudders, Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Sandra Wolitzky, Office of the Attorney General.

Ms. Donohue called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTE [VOTE]

Ms. Donohue called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022, meeting, which was followed by a formal roll call vote; the minutes were unanimously approved.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Donohue noted that this Council meeting would be the last of Executive Director Ray Campbell. She then invited Mr. Campbell to explain the succession plan and make his executive director's report.

Mr. Campbell explained that Secretary Sudders' designee to the Oversight Council, Ms. Lauren Peters, was named by CHIA's appointing authorities as the agency's next executive director. He expressed his enthusiasm for her appointment and noted that she has been a strong partner of CHIA for several years. Ms. Peters briefly thanked Governor Baker, Attorney General Healey, and Auditor Bump for the appointment and expressed her excitement to be joining CHIA in January 2023.

Mr. Campbell proceeded to make the executive director's report. He provided a brief finance update, explaining that CHIA is in the middle of FY 2023 budget and working to finalize the FY 2024 budget proposal.

Ms. Emma Schlitzer, External Affairs Manager, then provided a legislative update. She briefly summarized two recent bills signed into law that impact CHIA. Ms. Schlitzer outlined CHIA's publications released since the most recent Council meeting held in September 2022 and forthcoming publications expected in the next quarter. Mr. Campbell highlighted that the recently published research brief in emergency department reliance by race and ethnicity received media coverage. In reviewing forthcoming publications, the Council also discussed the planned primary care dashboard that CHIA is producing in collaborating with Massachusetts Health Quality Partners (MHQP).

As the meeting concluded, Mr. Seltz lauded Mr. Campbell for his efforts at CHIA and noted his excitement to work with Ms. Peters once she begins her appointment at CHIA in the new year.

III. CLOSING

With no other business to discuss, Ms. Donohue sought to adjourn the meeting; the meeting concluded at 2:20 p.m.