

July 17, 2014

The Honorable Dannel Malloy
Governor of Connecticut
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

RE: CONNECTICUT STATE INNOVATION MODEL TEST GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Governor Malloy,

The Consumer Advisory Board is a sixteen member independent consumer advisory board that provides advice and guidance directly to the Steering Committee (on which it has a seat) and the PMO. The Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) is racially and ethnically diverse, with members involved in advocacy and community development, services, health, and housing.

The Connecticut Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) of the State Innovations Model (SIM) grant wishes to offer our support for the CT SIM initiative and, in particular, support for the guiding principles on which the CT SIM grant was created. We further support the active engagement of consumers in this process and look forward to comprehensive and meaningful consumer involvement as the initiative moves forward.

As the CAB, we understand that with appropriate consumer protections, CT SIM has the ability to advance health care reform efforts for the most vulnerable consumers in our State. Most importantly, the SIM grant submission includes strategies to decrease disparities in health care delivery for racial and ethnic minorities, and for the poor. Additionally, the SIM initiative builds upon the foundation of the Department of Social Services' PCMH program including that program's Glide Path and attribution methodology.

We look forward to working with the State to move SIM forward.

Sincerely;



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