



Connecticut's Health Insurance Marketplace

All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2014
Time: 9:04 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. EST
Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 1E

Members Present

Kevin Counihan (Chair), Tamim Ahmed, Robert Aseltine, Mary Ellen Breault, Roderick Bremby, David Guttchen for Ben Barnes, Matthew Katz, Mary Alice Lee, Kimberly Martone for Jewel Mullen, Katherine McNulty for Patricia Rehmer, Dean Myshrall, Jean Rexford, Mary Taylor, Victoria Veltri, Victor Villagra, Joshua Wojcik for Kevin Lembo

Members Absent

Anne Melissa Dowling for Thomas Leonardi, James Iacobellis, Robert Scalettar, Robert Tessier, Thomas Woodruff

Other Participants

Robert Blundo, Matthew Salner, Christen Orticari

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Kevin Counihan called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. Public Comment

A public comment was made by Elizabeth Krause, Vice President of Policy and Communications at the Connecticut Health Foundation. Ms. Krause explained that the CT Health Foundation viewed Medicaid data as an imperative component to include in the Connecticut APCD, and asked the APCD Advisory Group and Access Health Analytics to partner with DSS to ensure that Medicaid data are included in the APCD.

III. Approval of April 10 and June 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Matthew Katz moved approval of the April 10 meeting minutes. Mary Taylor seconded the motion. Ms. Taylor moved to amend the minutes with a technical correction. Mr. Katz seconded. **Motion passed unanimously without abstention.** The minutes of the June 12 meeting were not discussed.

IV. CEO/ ED Updates

Mr. Counihan updated members on the approach taken by the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to facilitate and simplify the upcoming open enrollment experience. The Exchange made fixes to their enrollment system, significantly increased their number of plan designs, developed a website avatar to review frequently asked enrollment questions and answers, and launched a mobile application. Mr. Counihan provided an update on the ongoing investigations of the June security breach. Mr. Ahmed provided a brief update on ongoing negotiations with the APCD data management vendor.

V. Development Planning for APCD

Mr. Ahmed overviewed the timeline for APCD development planning, and explained the critical components of an APCD that must be developed during implementation. Mr. Ahmed explained that the timeline sequence and components were critical to APCD development. The dates were based on a planned date of contract completion, and would be pushed

forward if the contract were signed at a later date. The timeline was further contingent on valid test data submissions. Mr. Ahmed summarized the core components and capabilities deemed necessary to the start-up of a functional APCD. Many of these elements were included in the APCD Policies and Procedures, or contained in the APCD enabling legislation as objectives. Ms. Taylor explained that the list of core elements were natural outgrowths, or consequences, of developing an APCD. Commissioner Bremby added that DSS was creating a provider directory, previously with HITE-CT, and noted it was offered as a resource for the APCD.

VI. Medicaid Data Usages – Examples from other States APCDs

Mr. Ahmed summarized the approach taken by other states for the collection and usage of Medicaid data. He used examples of reports including Medicaid data from the Colorado, Oregon, and New Hampshire APCDs. Dr. Victor Villagra recommended taking into account consumer reactions to APCD reports, Mr. Ahmed explained that consumer feedback would continue to be an important focus for web reporting. Jean Rexford asked that Advisory Group members be incorporated into the research process by receiving information on future focus groups.

Dr. Robert Aseltine presented a study titled “Payer Differences for Ambulatory Sensitive Conditions”, which he and his colleagues derived through their analysis of Connecticut hospital discharge data. The research was initiated to support the State Innovation Model (SIM) plan submission. The results demonstrated disparities in hospitalization rates between patients covered by Medicaid and those with private insurance. Dr. Aseltine noted that the inclusion of Medicaid data in the APCD would provide context to this research, which would support the administration of the Medicaid program. Mr. Katz said that pronounced differences across payers could be clarified through analysis into payers’ plan and coverage information.

Dr. Mary Alice Lee asked which agencies administered APCDs in states referenced in Mr. Ahmed’s presentation. Matt Salner said that the Colorado APCD was administered by an independent nonprofit organization, and that the New Hampshire and Oregon APCDs were run by each state’s Medicaid agency.

VII. Update on Medicaid Data from DSS

Commissioner Bremby stated that the Department of Social Services (DSS) had not yet reached a decision on whether Medicaid data could be submitted to the APCD. Further information was still needed to support a decision. Mr. Counihan suggested that Access Health CT staff analyze other state APCDs with regard to the types of agencies by which they were administered, and whether these APCDs collected Medicaid data. Commissioner Bremby said that this information would be helpful to DSS in its decision.

VIII. Status of Subcommittees

In the absence of Dr. Robert Scalettar, Robert Blundo provided a brief update on the Data Privacy and Security Subcommittee, which met on June 26. The subcommittee discussed aspects of the data management vendor RFP and the vendor security audit. In addition, staff presented an overview of a potential APCD data governance process.

Mr. Katz said that the Policy and Procedure Enhancement Subcommittee was scheduled to meet again on July 17 to continue their discussion on the potential collection of denied claims data, as well as a timeline for dental data collection.

IX. Next Steps

Mr. Counihan reiterated that staff would provide information regarding other state APCDs and collection of Medicaid data. He concluded the meeting by announcing that Mr. Ahmed was appointed as a member of the APCD Advisory Group.

X. Future Meetings

Mr. Ahmed announced that the next regular meeting of the APCD Advisory Group was scheduled for September 11 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Legislative Office Building.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Ahmed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.