

All-Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2017  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET  
**Location:** Hartford Hilton, Grand Ballroom West, Hartford, CT

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**Members Present**

James Wadleigh, *Chair*, Tamim Ahmed, Robert Aseltine, Mary Ellen Breault, Demian Fontanella, Matt Katz, Bernadette Inskeep (via GoToMeeting), Kimberly Martone, Melissa Morton (on behalf of Secretary Benjamin Barnes) (via GoToMeeting), Dean Myshrall, Jean Rexford, Robert Scalettar (via GoToMeeting), Robert Tessier, Victoria Veltri

**Members Absent**

François de Brantes, James D. Iacobellis, Michael Michaud (on behalf of Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon), Raul Pino, Corrine Seibert (on behalf of Commissioner Roderick Bremby), Victor Villagra, Katherine Wade, Joshua Wojcik (on behalf of Comptroller Kevin Lembo) Thomas Woodruff

**Other Participants**

Patrick Quinn of Onpoint Health Data, Shawn Tracy of Atom

**AHCT Participants**

Susan Rich-Bye, Ryan O'Neil, Robert Blundo

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**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

James Wadleigh called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. The members introduced themselves.

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. Approval of November 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**James Wadleigh asked for a motion to approve the November 10, 2016 meeting minutes. Robert Tessier made a motion to approve the minutes. Dean Myshrall seconded the motion.** Matthew Katz asked that a clarification be made in the minutes to indicate that Dr. Henry Jacobs was a guest and not a member. **The motion was approved unanimously with Mr. Katz abstaining.**

**IV. CEO/ ED Updates**

Dr. Tamim Ahmed gave an update on the progress of the APCD timeline. The APCD has received all of the non-ERISA data from Anthem, but there is work in process regarding a business associate agreement (BAA) that would allow for the collection of ERISA data.

The collection of Medicaid and Medicare data has not started yet. Mr. Katz questioned why there Medicaid claims data would be shared, but not enrollment data. Dr. Ahmed said that the Department of Social Services believes it does not have to provide the eligibility data because of the way the legislation is written. Victoria Veltri said that her office has discussed the issue, and has talked about obtaining an external opinion on the matter. She also stated that it might be necessary to change the language of the legislation.

**V. APCD Website Demonstration**

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Dr. Ahmed asked Patrick Quinn of Onpoint Health Data to lead a demonstration of the APCD's website, which was launched in late November 2016. Some members had questions regarding the geographical units used in mapping. Dr. Ahmed explained that because of the possibility of small numbers, ZIP codes were not used as a unit on the map. Mr. Quinn also assured people that Onpoint summarized the data, and then sent these aggregated data to the Website design team, Atom, who then makes those data available. Sensitive data are never on the site.

#### **VI. Report Release Schedule**

Dr. Ahmed discussed the schedule for upcoming reports. Mr. Katz asked whether the schedule is too aggressive. He also expressed a desire for the Advisory Group to see the reports before they were released, explaining that the Advisory Group should be advising on things as they are happening, not after they have been completed. Discussion ensued about carriers submitting information required by PA 15-146. Ms. Veltri said she would explore this in a subsequent meeting with Dr. Ahmed.

#### **VII. Data Release Process Status Update**

Dr. Ahmed told the Advisory Group that Dr. Patricia Checko has been appointed to serve as chairperson of the Data Release Committee. Dr. Ahmed also displayed a sample timeline that showed how long each step in the process could take, along with sample deadlines for the steps. Mr. Katz stated that he wanted to make sure researchers were aware of the limits of the data currently, including no Medicaid or Medicare data, as well as limited data from Anthem. Dr. Ahmed replied that researchers are made fully aware of what data are available.

#### **VIII. APCD Price Transparency Application Demonstration**

Dr. Ahmed introduced Shawn Tracy of Atom, who gave a demonstration of the price transparency report on the APCD Website. Mr. Katz asked about how people would search for mental health issues on the visual search option. Ideas were discussed, including the option to place the link for mental health issues in a box below the image of a body, next to the links for office visits, diagnostics, MRIs, and X-rays. Mr. Tracy pointed out that eventually, pharmacy services would also be in a box there as well. There was also discussion about the level of readability of the language used, including the word "median." A suggestion was made to clarify that hospital quality measures were not specific to the procedure being performed, but rather applied to all in-patient procedures performed at the hospital. Another suggestion was to remove quality measures from pages showing procedures performed at hospitals, and having the quality measures appear only on the hospital-specific pages. Dr. Ahmed said all of these would be considered before releasing the report.

#### **IX. Next Steps**

There were no Next Steps.

#### **X. Future Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the APCD Advisory Group is Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at a location yet to be determined.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

**James Wadleigh asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matthew Katz moved to adjourn. Demian Fontanella seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**