

All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Welles-Turner Memorial Library, Glastonbury, CT

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**Members Present**

Tamim Ahmed, *ad hoc chairperson*, Pat Checko, Kun Chen (via webinar, departed at 2:50), Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Anthony Dias, Tiffany Donelson (via webinar), Lisa Freeman, Dr. Henry Jacobs (arrived at 2:11), Kristen McClain (arrived at 2:20), Justin Peng, Sheryl Turney

**Members Absent**

None

**AHCT Participants**

Ryan O'Neil

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**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

Dr. Tamim Ahmed called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. The members introduced themselves.

**II. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**III. Presentation**

Dr. Tamim Ahmed gave a presentation covering the background of the Data Release Committee, its purpose and mission, governance of the committee including the fees that will be charged to use the APCD's data, the committee members, and the application process, and how often similar committees in other states meet.

**IV. Discussion of the Data Release Process**

During the discussion, questions arose about the process. Sheryl Turney asked about the nature of the security for the data on the part of the requestors. Dr. Ahmed said there will be questions about the requestor's security policies in place on the data request form, which will allow the Committee to evaluate the security. Ms. Turney

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also asked if this application procedure would apply to state agencies as well. Dr. Ahmed said that it would. Pat Checko asked about the data after the requestor's project was complete. Dr. Ahmed said data could be returned or destroyed but destruction is preferred and the requestors would have to sign documents assuring this had been done. Dr. Anthony Dias asked about a requestor asking for additional data extracts on an ongoing, perhaps monthly basis. Dr. Ahmed said that scenario would have to be considered. Lisa Freeman asked how a consumer advocate would request the data. Dr. Ahmed said they would probably fall within the non-profit and educational category. Additionally, the data is not available through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Sheryl Turney offered her experience in other states with All Payer Claims Databases and their data release committees. She explained that there is a demand for limited datasets in other states (as opposed to the de-identified data set that will be offered by the APCD). She also explained that researchers in other states have put data from an APCD together with data from a Health Information Exchange. She also spoke about a case in another state where a hospital group requested the data including all of the payment information. The states APCD considered this and the competitive uses of the data and then considered giving the hospital group the information but also giving it to all other hospital groups.

#### V. Next Steps

There were no Next Steps.

#### VI. Future Meetings

Dr. Tamim Ahmed asked for suggestions for the data of the next meeting. After some discussion, Dr. Ahmed suggested Thursday, March 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The group was polled and there was unanimous agreement to the suggestion. It was also agreed that the Welles-Turner Library in Glastonbury was a suitable location subject to availability.

#### VII. Adjournment

Dr. Tamim Ahmed asked for a motion to adjourn. Pat Checko moved to adjourn. Justin Peng seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.