

As approved by the APCD Advisory Group on November 9, 2017

All-Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 1D

Members Present

James Wadleigh, *Chair*; Dr. Robert Aseltine; David Guttchen (on behalf of OPM Secretary Benjamin Barnes); Theodore Doolittle; Allan Hackney; Bernie Inskip; Matthew Katz (via telephone); Dean Myshrall; Olga Armah (on behalf of Kimberly Martone); Victoria Veltri; Mary Ellen Breault (via telephone - on behalf of Commissioner Katharine Wade)

Members Absent

James Iacobellis; Kevin Lembo; Thomas Woodruff; Francois de Brantes; James Iacobellis; Roderick Bremby; Miriam Delphin-Rittmon; Jean Rexford; Robert Scalett, MD., Robert Tessier; Victor Villagra

Other Participants

Janice Bourgault; Chad MacLeod; Karl Finison (Onpoint Health Data)

AHCT Participants

AHCT Staff: Robert Blundo; Susan Rich-Bye

I. Call to Order and Introductions

James Wadleigh, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of May 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

James Wadleigh asked for a motion to approve the **May 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes**. Victoria Veltri made a motion to approve the minutes. Allan Hackney seconded the motion. ***The motion was approved unanimously.***

IV. Updates and Project Status Overview

Robert Blundo, Director of Technical Operations and Analytics, indicated that a lot of progress was made since the APCD Advisory Committee held its last meeting in May. He indicated 2016 data collection was

complete enough to utilize as an analytical tool. Mr. Blundo shared two national APCD data use cases focused on reducing redundancy and waste in medical services. Mr. Blundo also provided a brief summary of the Public Act (PA) 17-154, now codified as CGS 38a-477h, which focused on accessibility of provider network information made available to consumers. Mr. Blundo indicated AHCT was exploring options to connect provider directory information into the health insurance exchange shopping process to make it more consumer-friendly.

Mr. Blundo described targeted initiatives since the last APCD meeting. Mr. Blundo summarized accomplishments since the last meeting, which included the data release architecture completion and receipt of approval to collect Medicare data. Mr. Blundo also covered progress made with the Data Release Committee (DRC) to facilitate the data release process. He covered use of HCC risk-scoring software for the individual marketplace. Victoria Veltri appreciated the efforts to obtain the Medicare data and discussion ensued around data submission status.

Mr. Blundo introduced Chad MacLeod of Onpoint Health Data, to provide an update on data collection efforts. Theodore Doolittle inquired about membership of the defunct HealthyCT. Mr. Blundo indicated that it is around 15,000.

V. Data Release Update

Mr. Blundo indicated that the data release process has been broken up into two major phases. The first phase focused on data release capabilities development. The second phase includes marketing and optimizing the process. Current focus has been on phase one. Mr. Blundo provided an update on the data extraction efforts. Mr. Blundo provided a detailed review of the data release process and support documentation. Bernie Inskeep inquired about posting requests publically. Mr. Blundo stated that APCD would publically list abstracts of completed requests. Allan Hackney inquired about the possible change in the data volume once Medicare data is incorporated. Mr. Blundo indicated volume of claims and the dollar amounts would roughly double. Discussion ensued around ERISA plan data. Mr. Blundo described the process in which APCD de-identifies data, as set forth in 45 CFR 164.514. Potential future improvements were also discussed.

Robert Aseltine provided a summary of his pending data request application for use in the State Innovation Model (SIM) evaluation and suicide risk identification projects. The goal of these projects is to provide transparency and information to a wide variety of stakeholders related to the performance of these groups, as well as information for consumers.

VI. APCD Data – Preliminary Analysis, Examples & Showcase

Karl Finison, Director of Analytic Development at Onpoint, provided examples of APCD data in use. Mr. Finison summarized the focus, considerations and potential areas of exploration while reviewing the example use cases. Matthew Katz inquired about how about the possibility this data being presented to legislators, regulators, public health, and policy personnel. Mr. Blundo agreed and provided an example of use in Colorado and Massachusetts.

VII. Next Steps

Mr. Blundo re-iterated the focus and tasks for the next 3 months with an aim of extracting and releasing the data. In addition, AHCT will focus on updating the website so it remains in compliance with current legislation.

VIII. Future Meetings

Mr. Blundo reminded the members that the next meeting of the AHCT Advisory Group is on November 9, 2017.

IX. Adjournment

James Wadleigh asked for a motion to adjourn. Victoria Veltri moved to adjourn. Bernie Inskeep seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m