

All-Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET
Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 1D

Members Present

James Wadleigh, *Chair*, Tamim Ahmed, Robert Aseltine (on phone), François de Brantes, Mary Ellen Breault, Amanda Durante, Bernadette Inskeep, Matthew Katz, Kimberly Martone, Michael Michaud (on behalf of Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon), Melissa Morton (on behalf of Commissioner Benjamin Barnes), Jean Rexford, Corrine Seibert (on behalf of Commissioner Roderick Bremby), Robert Tessier, Victoria Veltri

Members Absent

James D. Iacobellis, Dean Myshrall, Raul Pino, Victor Villagra, Katherine Wade, Thomas Woodruff

Other Participants

Joan Feldman (Shipman and Goodwin), Patrick Quinn (Onpoint Health Data)
Present via phone: Sheryl Turney, Judy Ureda, Cheryl Masiliunas, Ann Gunther, Kim Sheridan

AHCT Participants

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

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of November 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes and Approval of February 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

James Wadleigh asked for a motion to approve the November 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Robert Tessier raised a question about the minutes regarding Section V. Legal Review of Trade Secrets Legislation. Joan Feldman made clarifying remarks, including that when information is required to be disclosed by legislative mandate, it is an exception to the state's trade secret legislation. Ms. Feldman also explained that federal anti-trust laws exist to protect the consumer and promote competition. **Victoria Veltri made a motion to approve the November 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Robert Tessier seconded the motion. The motion passed with Matthew Katz abstaining. James Wadleigh asked for a motion to approve the February 11, 2016 meeting minutes. Robert Tessier made a motion to approve the minutes and Victoria Veltri seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. CEO/ ED Updates

Tamim Ahmed gave an update on the progress of the APCD timeline. He expects to release the first reports regarding population analytics topics in the third quarter of this year, and to have reports on consumer-related topics ready in the fourth quarter. There were questions about the number of covered lives on which the APCD would be collecting data. There was a discussion on the delays in the data collection process, including the effect of the *Gobeille* Supreme Court ruling. Dr. Ahmed characterized the overall status of the data collection effort as promising.

V. APCD Data Grouping Approaches

Dr. Ahmed described meetings and discussions with stakeholders regarding ways to group and present the data. Some of these methods include different geographic divisions, such as Hospital Service Areas, Health Reference Groups, and the

“Five Connecticuts” concept. Dr. Ahmed also discussed the need for strategies to address health care disparities. The issue of collecting Medicaid data from DSS was raised. Dr. Ahmed said that work on a memorandum of agreement (MOA) was ongoing.

VI. Discussion of Quality Measurement in Healthcare – Potentially Avoidable Complications (PACs)

François de Brantes presented information about a methodology for measuring provider quality involving risk standardization rates of complications. In this context, he said that price and quality of care should always be measured together for the consumer. Mr. de Brantes agreed there are occasions when price comparisons by themselves are useful to consumers. He explained that APCDs have a variety of ways of making the collected data actionable, including by releasing prices to the public.

VII. Designing Cost Transparency Reports

Patrick Quinn of Onpoint gave a brief update on the rollout of price transparency reports, which is still in the early phases. He said that one or two reports would be available in August. Mr. Wadleigh said that the August APCD Advisory Group meeting would include a presentation on cost transparency reports from Onpoint, and that information on the reports' progress would be provided in monthly updates. Kimberly Martone recommended that AHCT staff should talk with the Department of Public Health's data managers and attorneys regarding the legislative restrictions on the use of DPH data in the APCD.

VIII. Next Steps

There were no next steps discussed.

IX. Future Meetings

The next regular two meetings of the APCD Advisory Group are August 11 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D and November 10 at also from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Legislative Office Building, Room 1D.

X. Adjournment

James Wadleigh entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Tessier moved to adjourn. Jean Rexford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.