

Health IT Advisory Council

March 17, 2022



Agenda

Agenda Item	Time
Welcome & Call to Order	1:00 PM
Public Comment	1:05 PM
<u>Council Action:</u> Approval of Minutes: February 17, 2022	1:07 PM
Connie Update	1:10 PM
2022 HITAC Strategic Plan Final Survey Outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022 Strategic Agenda	1:20 PM
APCD Update and 2022 Strategic Objectives	1:40 PM
HIE Sustainability Support Workgroup Update	1:50 PM
Announcements & General Discussion	2:05 PM
<u>Council Action:</u> Wrap Up & Meeting Adjournment	2:10 PM

Welcome and Call to Order

Public Comment

(2 minutes per commenter)

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

February 17, 2022

Connie Update

Jenn Searls, Executive Director

Health IT Advisory Council

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2022 HITAC Strategic Plan Final Survey Outcome & 2022 Strategic Agenda

*Sumit Sajnani, OHS HITO &
Amy Tibor, OHS*

2022 HITAC Strategic Plan | Final Survey Outcome

Background

- Presentation on Statewide HIT Plan focus area activities during January meeting
- 25 strategic activities reduced to 10
- Council asked for guidance in prioritizing activities to “begin” in 2022 via survey
- Initial survey results presented during February meeting
- Survey closed February 28
- Majority of Council responded
- **Four activities identified for prioritization in 2022**



2022 Strategic Plan | Final Survey Outcome

Top Selected Strategic Activities: 76% Response

Focus Area 4: Support behavioral health providers with the adoption of EHR and HIE services

Develop an educational campaign for behavioral health providers and patients on the benefits and risks of health information exchange, focusing on ways to ensure data privacy while making sure the individual's care team can access the right information at the right time to provide the best care possible.

2022 Strategic Plan | Final Survey Outcome

Top Selected Strategic Activities: 71% Response

Focus Area 3: Improve service coordination and data sharing across state HHS agencies

Establish a workgroup for technical interoperability of HHS data systems including development standards. (Interagency HHS sharing)

2022 Strategic Plan | Final Survey Outcome

Top Selected Strategic Activities: 65% Response

Focus Area 6: Establish electronic data standards to facilitate development of integrated electronic health information systems

Develop a HITAC Standards Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on statutory changes needed relative to health data standards.

2022 Strategic Plan | Final Survey Outcome

Top Selected Strategic Activities: 65% Response

Focus Area 1: Sustain and increase use of statewide HIE services

Evaluate how best to optimize Connie for public health data exchange and seek ways to use Connie's services to improve data availability and reporting to state-operated data systems, positioning the entity to deliver on its value proposition. Look to make Connie infrastructure a shared public utility service.

2022 Strategic Agenda

Sumit Sajnani, OHS HITO

2022 Strategic Plan | Key Agenda Items

All activities and dates subject to change

JANUARY 20

- Acceptance of Health Information Technology (HIT) Annual Report
- Level Setting HITAC Role and Purpose

FEBRUARY 17

- Acceptance of HIE Sustainability Support Workgroup
- Prioritization of 2022 Strategic Agenda

MARCH 17

- 2022 HITAC Strategic Agenda
- All Payer Claims Database (APCD) Update & 2022 Strategic Objectives
- HIE Sustainability Support Workgroup (HIE-SSW) Update

APRIL 21

- Behavioral Health Education HIE Campaign Initial Roadmap
- HIE-SSW Update
- Connie: Privacy, Confidentiality and Security Committee Status

MAY 19

- Proposed Target: Acceptance of HIE-SSW Recommendation(s)
- Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) ARPA Update

JUNE 16

- Connie: Public Education Campaign
- Behavioral Health Education HIE Campaign Update

JULY 21

- Person-Centered Services Collaborative (PCSC) (FA3: HHS agency interoperability)
- Connie: Patient Access
- Cost Estimator Scope

AUGUST 18

- Behavioral Health Education HIE Campaign Update
- REL Progress Update
- Placeholder: Connie Utilization Measures

SEPTEMBER 15

- Acceptance of HITAC Standards Advisory Committee Charter

OCTOBER 20

- Connie: Public Health Data Exchange Roadmap
- PCSC Update
- Behavioral Health Education HIE Campaign Update

NOVEMBER 17

- Connie: Quality Metrics
- Connie: Public Education Campaign Progress Update
- Annual Update to Statewide Health IT Plan 2022-2026
- HITAC Standards Advisory Committee Update

DECEMBER 15

- Annual HIT Report (to be submitted to CGA Feb. 2023)
- Behavioral Health Education HIE Campaign Update

All Payer Claims Database Update & 2022 Strategic Objectives

Olga Armah, OHS

All Payer Claims Database (APCD) Advisory Group

Committee Structure:

20-member committee created by P.A. 12-166 and codified in C.G.S. §17b-59f

- Chaired by the Health Information Technology Officer (HITO) or designee

Mandated members are:

- ❖ Commissioners or designees (8) - OPM, OSC, DSS, DPH, DHMAS, DOI, Health Care Advocate, Chief Information Officer
- ❖ Representatives - State medical society, insurance companies (3), insurance purchaser, hospitals, Data Release Committee and a health care provider
- ❖ Additional members recommended by the HITO (4) -
 1. Two health care experts, each from an academic institution
 2. An expert in payment reform
 3. A representative of OHS

APCD Advisory Group

Advisory Group is a standing workgroup of the HITAC

OHS consults the Advisory Group when:

1. Contracting for, planning, implementing and administering the APCD
2. Obtaining claims data from the State's medical assistance program and Medicare Part A or B
3. Any action to obtain Medicaid and CHIP data
4. Contracting for the collection, management or analysis of data from reporting entities
5. Leveraging APCD data to increase efficiency, enhance outcomes, and improve understanding of healthcare expenditures

Purpose of the APCD

1. To provide health services consumers in the state information on the cost and quality of health care services to aid health care related decision-making
2. To be made available to any state agency, insurer, employer, health care provider, consumer, researcher or Access Health CT to review healthcare services utilization, costs and quality while protecting patient privacy

Meetings

Quarterly and public

APCD Advisory Group - Sub Committees

❖ Data Privacy & Security Committee

1. Conducted a review and analysis of data security, privacy, and data release policies and procedures.
2. Met for fixed duration in 2019

❖ Data Release Committee

1. Deliberates on data releases external to OHS
2. Membership
 - i. Advisory Group member and representative of state agency,
 - ii. APCD data manager,
 - iii. public health specialist,
 - iv. health insurance industry,
 - v. attorney specialized in health care, privacy and research,
 - vi. healthcare professional,
 - vii. hospital administrator with a background in analytics and research,
 - viii. health researcher,
 - ix. two consumer representatives with background in health policy, patient advocacy, and/or patient safety
3. Meets – Monthly, 2nd Tuesday of each month, or as needed

APCD Advisory Group – 2022 Strategic Objectives

- ❖ Review and approve the APCD Advisory Group Charter
- ❖ Establish a Denied and Dental Claims Workgroup to advise on data submission guide amendments
- ❖ Develop stakeholder engagement campaign to encourage self-insured employers to submit to CT APCD
- ❖ Develop data use case recommendations
- ❖ Review and approve updated APCD Policies and Procedures for data release

APCD Data Types & Years Available - Update

The APCD comprises **medical, pharmacy, dental*** and **other insurance*** claims information from enrollment and eligibility files

Payer Source	Claim Type	Years Available (Paid Date)
Commercial** - Fully insured claims - State employees, Retirees & Partnership - Medicare Advantage (Medical only)	Medical claims Pharmacy claims	1/1/2012 – 9/30/2021
Medicaid	Medical claims Pharmacy claims	1/1/2016 – 12/31/2021
Medicare***	Medical claims Pharmacy claims	1/1/2012- 12/31/2019 1/1/2012 – 12/31/2018

* Advisory Group authorized collection of denied claims at November 2020 meeting. Plans underway to enable collection of dental and denied claims.

** Anthem, Aetna, Cigna East, Cigna West, ConnectiCare, United Healthcare, HealthyCT, Harvard Pilgrim, Optum Health, Oxford, WellCare Health, eviCORE Healthcare, Express Scripts, Caremark (14).

Reporting threshold – 3,000 members

*** Finalizing Data Use Agreement to obtain 2018 – 2020 medical and pharmacy data from CMS

APCD DRC Approved Data Extracts & Aggregate

Data Extracts & Aggregate

1. UConn School of Medicine – Suicide and Opioid prescribing and its consequences
2. Apperture, LLC – Medication adherence of CT persons diagnosed with three chronic disease conditions: asthma, diabetes, and cancer
3. Yale University School of Public Health – Study on HPV/Genital Warts
4. Federal Trade Commission – CT bordering state hospital merger investigation
5. Yale University – Study on population health total cost of care and care continuity enhancement

APCD Achievements & Initiatives

OHS & State Initiated Projects Supported by APCD Data

1. Outpatient RX drugs transparency mandate
2. Rand 4.0 employer-initiated study
3. Healthcare Cost Benchmarks & Primary Care Target Initiative (Data Use Strategy)
4. Health care service pricing and availability for Certificate of Need decision making **(7)**
5. Breast cancer screening utilization and cost for the commercially insured to support legislation
6. List of out of state health care providers servicing CT residents for Connie
7. Claims volume by product line to support Connie federal funding match analyses **(26% CMS cost share increased to 40%)**
8. Trauma activation fees (surprise billing) trends
9. Cost estimator
10. CT population estimates

CT APCD Federal Funding - Update

- ❖ OHS is managing CT APCD without additional funding and limited analytic resources
- ❖ Federal funding opportunity
 - No Surprises Act grant of \$2.5m over three years for states to establish or enhance APCD to support market transparency efforts and research
 - To date the funds have not been appropriated
 - Still awaiting guidance from Federal Dept. of Labor about grant requirements
- ❖ Secretary of Labor established a State APCD Advisory Committee (SAPCDAC) March –October 2021:
 - Comprised of experts/representatives:
State APCD, health economist, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), National Center for Health Statistics, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information, HHS Office of the Civil Rights, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Employer Sponsor of a Group Health Plan, Employee Organization Sponsor of a Group Health Plan, academic researcher, consumer advocate, Chair of APCD Council, and Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

CT APCD Federal Funding – SAPCDAC Update

SAPCDAC Report makes 14 Recommendations in 4 Key Areas

- ❖ Standardized data layout
- ❖ Data submission process
- ❖ Data privacy, security and release
- ❖ Voluntary data submission process
 - ❖ ***Voluntary*** submission of self-insured data using the APCD-Common Data Layout

Questions
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To request APCD data for research, policy development/evaluation, or decision-making related to health care services utilization, cost and quality, visit:

<https://portal.ct.gov/healthscorect/data-request>

OR

<https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Services/Data-and-Reports/To-Access-Data>

Health Information Exchange (HIE) Sustainability Support Workgroup (SSW) Update

Sumit Sajnani, OHS HITO

HIE-SSW Role	Member
Chair of the HIE-SSW	Joseph Quaranta, MD, Community Medical Group, HITAC Co-Chair
1. Independent practice providers; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Primary Care b. Specialty Care c. Supportive Care (behavioral health, oral health) 	Christine Mukon Morrissey, DNP APRN NP-C, InterCommunity Primary Care
2. Hospitals and Health Systems'; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acute Care Hospitals and Health Systems b. Community Hospitals 	
3. Health Plans;	David R. Fusco, MS, University of New Haven, Past President, Anthem BCBS of Connecticut, HITAC Member
4. Clinical/Reference Labs;	
5. Pharmacies;	
6. Purchasers (employers, Taft-Hartley plans/Labor unions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fully Insured b. Administrative Services Only (ASO) (3rd party provider) 	(ASO) Cassandra Murphy, MBA, Executive Director, CT Coalition of Taft-Hartley Health Funds, HITAC Member
7. Safety-Net Clinics (Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Centers (RHCs, and tribal health);	Robert Rioux, COO, Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, HITAC Member
8. Department of Social Services;	Michael Gilbert, Deputy Commissioner
9. Department of Public Health;	Adelita (Lita) Orefice, Chief of Staff
10. Others, at the Co-Chair's discretion	Jennifer Searls, Executive Director, Connie & Michelle Puhlick, Chief Operating Officer, Connie

Announcements & General Discussion

Dr. Joe Quaranta, Council Members

Wrap Up and Meeting Adjournment

Next Meeting Date:
April 21, 2022

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