



**All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022**

Date	Time	Location
March 8, 2022	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Committee Members					
Dr. Patricia Checko, Chair	R	Sheryl Turney	R	Lisa Freeman	
Michael Giralmo	R	John Brady		Michael Fields	R
Justin Peng		Kun Chen	R		
Supporting Leadership					
Olga Armah, OHS	R	Adrian Texidor, OHS	R	Chris Wyvill, OHS	R
Sumit Sajnani, OHS	R	Amy Tibor, OHS	R	Joseph Rus, OHS	R
Other Participants					
Charles Torre, Jr., Yale New Haven Health System	R	Ron Gibson, Yale New Haven Health System	R		

R = Attended Remotely, IP = Attended in Person

Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:10 PM
	<p>The regularly scheduled meeting of the All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, by webinar.</p> <p>Dr. Pat Checko welcomed Committee members and called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.</p>		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:15 PM
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Approval of the February 8, 2022 Meeting minutes	Attendees	1:15 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko requested a motion to approve the APCD Data Release Committee February 8, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Sheryl Turney and seconded by Michael Fields. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>		
4.	Yale New Haven Health System APCD Data Refresh	Charlie Torre, Jr.	1:17 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko introduced Charlie Torre, Jr. to present on the Yale New Haven System APCD Data Refresh Application Request.</p> <p>Mr. Torre introduced himself as the Chief Data and Analytics Officer for Yale New Haven Health System (YNHHS). Mr. Torre stated YNHHS had received a data set from 2017. The current application is a renewed request for an updated data set. The application has no substantive changes from the original request. Mr. Torre inquired regarding the possibility of receiving data on an ongoing basis. Dr. Checko stated that there is no process in place to approve data requests on an ongoing basis at this time and advised Mr. Torre to continue to submit a new application for each request, even if for the same study. Dr. Checko inquired if OHS has reviewed and approved the security documents provided by YNHHS. Chris Wyvill stated no concerns were identified with the application.</p>		

	<p>Dr. Checko requested a motion to approve the Yale New Haven System Data Refresh Request. Ms. Turney made the motion. Mr. Fields seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Checko thanked Mr. Torre for participating in the meeting.</p>		
5.	APCD Data Release Committee Charter	Adrian Texidor, OHS	1:27 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko invited Mr. Texidor to present on the APCD Data Release Committee Charter. Dr. Checko announced that the DRC currently does not have a charter; OHS is establishing charters across all committees.</p> <p>Highlights from Mr. Texidor’s presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief background and history regarding OHS committee charters: Mr. Texidor stated that the success of the Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy Committee (MRPC) charter inspired the Health Information Technology Advisory Board to require all groups to have charters, however, the Covid-19 pandemic required resources to be reallocated. • Mr. Texidor stated that a group charter would aid the DRC with additional structure, especially for those seeking APCD data, to understand what is required at the DRC level. • A brief overview of the statutory mandate (CGS § 19a-755a) that describes what OHS is charged with related to the APCD program, and a brief overview of how the DRC aids OHS. • An overview of the role and composition of the DRC: Mr. Texidor stated that there are currently two vacancies on the DRC, including a Connecticut lawyer with knowledge of healthcare and a physician. <p>Mr. Texidor stated that a draft charter will be shared with DRC members in advance of the next meeting. Dr. Checko inquired whether the APCD Advisory Group would have to approve the charter. Mr. Texidor stated that the DRC is a subcommittee within the APCD Advisory Group which is a subgroup under the Health Information Technology Advisory Council (HITAC), and both the Advisory Group and the HITAC would need to approve the charter, similar to the MRPC.</p> <p>Mr. Texidor opened the floor for questions by members. Ms. Turney commented that a group charter would be useful. Mr. Fields commented that it would be good to have standards for the group and a backdrop, as well as structure for the group going forward. Mr. Texidor mentioned that one of the components of the charter would address the election of a vice chair in the event the chair is unable to participate.</p>		
6.	Application Review Project Charter	Adrian Texidor, OHS	1:47 PM
	<p>Mr. Texidor presented on the APCD Application Review Project Charter.</p> <p>Highlights from Mr. Texidor’s presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A background and overview of the purpose of the project charter: Mr. Texidor stated that the application review project charter is a time box project established to achieve a particular outcome. The anticipated outcome would be the development of a new data release application that would satisfy all requirements of the APCD statutes, and of the DRC members, to ensure members can make the best-informed decision. <p>Mr. Texidor opened the floor for questions. Ms. Turney inquired whether data requestors have been surveyed on their experience with the application process. Dr. Checko stated that a survey had been developed in the past to determine whether those who utilized data found it to be workable and useful. Mr. Texidor stated that one response was received. Dr. Checko stated that attempts to obtain feedback were made through a variety of methods without success. Dr. Checko stated that she would like to meet with Mr. Texidor to review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how many requestors have informed the DRC regarding projects completed; • whether a publication and/or report has been generated and submitted to OHS, if able; and • to inquire regarding feedback on the application process and how it could be improved 		

	<p>Dr. Checko asked Mr. Texidor to review prior to the next meeting, data request applications received, applications approved, whether a publication is available and submitted, and what applicants have destroyed data. Mr. Texidor commented that there is a bifurcation between when the APCD program was administered by Access Health CT and when OHS began to administer it. Staff can make a distinction between the two and provide this by the next meeting. A discussion regarding barriers to receiving data took place, which included legislative limitations, visibility, and cost.</p> <p>Dr. Checko asked that her intention to pursue obtaining more information from data users be noted for the record. Mr. Texidor provided several data requestors that may present a good opportunity to inquire about feedback. Mr. Texidor stated that a discussion regarding resending the survey can be held.</p>		
7.	Washington State APCD Process	Adrian Texidor, OHS	2:00 PM
	<p>Mr. Texidor presented on the Washington State APCD Data Application Process.</p> <p>Mr. Texidor reminded the DRC that a presentation was provided by WA-APCD on the State’s application process during its last meeting. Mr. Texidor stated that outreach has been conducted to Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire for similar presentations. Mr. Texidor announced that NH may present during the April DRC meeting, and that MA has sent documentation on their process that he will forward to DRC members.</p> <p>Mr. Texidor indicated that questions were drafted to inspire dialogue, but members should feel free to comment beyond the questions. Mr. Sajnani commented that members should provide thoughts and feedback broadly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Turney commented that the WA-APCD is able to share more granular data than CT. Ms. Turney discussed a presentation given by WA to VA. Ms. Turney stated that WA became part of a data enclave, with the support of a vendor, that looked across multiple states for trending information and commented that the ability to look at data from different models is valuable and something multiple states and agencies want to see. Ms. Armah discussed an initiative as part of the CT Statewide 5-Year Health IT Plan that explores data sharing between HHS agencies. Ms. Armah stated that the exploration is in an early stage; the CT-APCD is one of the databases being considered to share data between agencies. • General discussion regarding differences between WA and CT APCD models took place, including a discussion on cost structure. Mr. Texidor stated that the topic will be discussed further at the APCD Advisory Group level and ultimately the HITAC level. • Mr. Texidor announced that a new data request website went live in July of 2021 and provided a walkthrough for members. Dr. Checko asked Ms. Tibor to circulate the latest application to DRC members. • Mr. Texidor announced that the HealthScore website is now located within the state website system and provided a walkthrough. Mr. Texidor announced that the Connecticut Health Care Affordability Index (CHAI) is a new addition to the website; OHS staff will present on the CHAI at a future meeting. 		
8.	Update on Data Release Applications	Dr. Patricia Checko	2:30 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko and Mr. Texidor presented on the Data Release Applications Update. Mr. Texidor announced that a preliminary request from a California university has been received. The university is seeking a letter of support for a grant application; it is likely CT-APCD may receive a data request if funding is granted.</p>		
9.	Update on Federal DOL Grant	Adrian Texidor, OHS	2:35 PM
	<p>Mr. Texidor presented on the Federal DOL Grant update.</p> <p>Mr. Texidor stated that after further research by OHS staff and Ms. Turney since the last meeting has determined that the funding for the grant has not been appropriated. Mr. Texidor stated that the State APCD</p>		

	Commission met several times during 2021 and produced a report. The report will be sent to DRC members following the meeting. Mr. Texidor stated that the OHS-APCD team will highlight key takeaways from the report for future discussion. A brief discussion regarding the Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) mandate took place. Mr. Texidor will reach out to Ms. Turney with more information.		
10.	General Discussion	Dr. Patricia Checko	2:45 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko announced that a committee has been established by the APCD Advisory Group to review denied claims, and Ms. Turney has conditionally agreed to represent the DRC upon additional information from Ms. Armah.</p> <p>Dr. Checko announced that the National APCD Council may be invited to present at a joint meeting of the APCD Advisory Group and the DRC.</p>		
11.	Meeting Adjournment	Dr. Patricia Checko	2:55 PM
	Dr. Checko requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Ms. Turney and seconded by Mr. Fields. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM		

Upcoming Meeting Date: April 12, 2022

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