



All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023

Date	Time	Location
January 10, 2023	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	X
Michael Giralmo	R	John Brady	X	Michael Fields	R
Justin Peng	R	Kun Chen	X		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
Sumit Sajnani, OHS	R	Adrian Texidor, OHS	R	Amy Tibor, OHS	R
Olga Armah, OHS	R	Jeannina Thompson, OHS	R		
R = Remotely, IP = In Person					

Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:06PM
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the All-Payer Claims Database Data Release Committee was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, by webinar. Dr. Checko called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.		
2.	Public Comment	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:07 PM
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Action: Review & Approve Minutes: Dec. 13, 2022	Dr. Patricia Checko	
	Approval of the minutes was tabled to later in the meeting.		
4.	APCD Strategic Planning	Dr. Patricia Checko & OHS Staff	1:08 PM
	<p>Sumit Sajnani commented on the need for greater utilization of the APCD and using the database as a transparency tool while ensuring privacy, confidentiality, patient consent, and appropriate usage. Mr. Sajnani remarked that the APCD is an under-utilized resource. Beyond utilization exists a need to have a strategic plan which invites additional data collection. Mr. Sajnani stated that HITAC members received a presentation which included an overview of APCD objectives under consideration for 2023 and beyond. Mr. Sajnani announced that the presentation will include high level proposals but commented that this is a work in process. Mr. Sajnani stated that OHS wants stakeholder engagement with HITAC, APCD-AG, and DRC, and beyond, to implement a strategic plan in a prioritized manner. OHS is looking for any feedback members might have on the proposals and may be asked to prioritize objectives similarly to what is done with HITAC.</p> <p>Mr. Texidor presented on the status of goals identified in 2022, key highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APCD-Advisory Group charter – charter approved in 2022. - Denied and Dental Claims Workgroup – established in 2022, and changes to the APCD Data Submission Guide made; a decision on whether a public comment period is needed on APCD Policies & Procedures (P&Ps) is pending. - Stakeholder Engagement Campaign – development of a campaign to encourage self-insured employers to submit to the APCD began in 2022 and remains in process for 2023. An estimated 55% of CT's commercially insured population is missing from the CT-APCD. OHS has requested OnPoint provide 		

numbers **pre and post [Gobeille decision](#)**, and this will be shared with DRC in 2023. OHS will be working with the APCD-AG to develop a strategy.

- **Data Use Case Development** – remains in process for 2023 and DRC members are being asked to assist.
- **Policies & Procedures (P&Ps)** – OHS legal team has begun the process of reviewing; will bring to the APCD Data Privacy & Security Subcommittee as appropriate to pass the P&Ps.
- Mr. Texidor provided an overview of the data types and years available in the APCD.
- **CT Federal Funding Update** –goal of the funding is presumed to assist states with establishment of or upgrades to established APCDs, and to accord with the APCD Council common data layout. CT has not heard whether funds will be allocated and how.

Mr. Texidor presented the 2023 strategic goals, key highlights included:

- **APCD-DRC Charter** - approved in 2022 and later amended to include equity language.
- **Increase Internal and External Uses** – the tactics to be employed include website redesign, email marketing campaign, exploration of fee structure changes, refining the APCD application, and exploring the concept of a public use file.
- **ERISA Plan Submission Campaign** – will begin a process of engaging individually or as a group, currently undergoing consideration of value propositions to encourage voluntary submission.

Ms. Armah commented that the ERISA campaign will involve all APCD and HITAC advisors and not OHS exclusively. Mr. Sajnani made a comment regarding the public use file objective as being exploratory. Dr. Checko commented that it is her belief that many of the hypotheses that people have associated with the APCD data could be addressed through having access to a public use file. Ms. Armah commented that a public use file could include such data as service prices and similar to the cost estimator. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sajnani announced that proposal documents will be sent to members for review and feedback after the meeting.

- **Improve Data Quality and Validation** – Mr. Sajnani discussed the importance of data quality and its impact on policy making. This objective will entail assessing data quality and what carriers are being asked to submit and determining whether there is an opportunity for improvement. Mr. Texidor discussed REL data in the APCD. Dr. Checko commented on challenges associated with collecting REL data. Mr. Texidor commented that REL data is better populated for Medicare and Medicaid. Detail on this is included in a report completed by the Rand Corp, for U.S. HHS, which will be shared with the group. Mr. Texidor detailed additional initiatives within this objective.
- **Vacancies on APCD Committees** – a goal for 2023 is to fill all vacancies on APCD committee, currently three on DRC.

Mr. Texidor stated that the proposals will be discussed during the February meeting.

Dr. Checko discussed adding outreach to previous data requestors as a goal, including requesting a status on the work, whether a report is prepared, and if the data has been destroyed. Mr. Texidor noted that staff will ask for a report to be submitted but due to academic freedom, it is not a requirement. Mr. Texidor stated that staff will go back and revisit the survey circulated in 2021.

Mr. Texidor announced that there is a specific use case in which members will be asked to provide feedback. Dr. Checko commented that this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Dr. Checko encouraged feedback from the group on use cases.

Ms. Armah commented that OHS is very interested in feedback regarding process improvements within the P&Ps and any additional feedback to enhance the document. A conversation regarding the process for approving the P&Ps took place. Mr. Texidor stated that the P&Ps are presently under review by OHS' legal team and the hope for completion in first quarter 2023. Mr. Texidor stated that following legal review, the P&Ps will

	go before the APCD Data Privacy & Security Subcommittee, the APCD-DRC, APCD Advisory Group, and HITAC, for assent.		
5.	Update on APCD Applications and Releases	Adrian Texidor, OHS	1:50 PM
	Mr. Texidor announced that one application is pending application payment; once received a review of the application will be conducted.		
6.	General Discussion	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:55 PM
	<p>Dr. Checko stated that an annual short summary report will be prepared for members. Mr. Texidor stated that a quarterly report is provided to the APCD-AG and this can be done during February’s meeting and considered a year-end review.</p> <p>Dr. Checko announced that OHS is under new leadership. Dr. Deidre Gifford has been appointed by Governor Lamont to Executive Director.</p>		
7.	Meeting Adjournment	Dr. Patricia Checko	2:02 PM
	<p>Minutes approval - Dr. Checko requested a motion to approve the APCD Data Release Committee December 13 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was made (Girlando) and seconded (Fields). There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Checko requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made (Turney) and seconded (Peng). The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM</p>		

Upcoming Meeting Date: February 14, 2023

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