

All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
Feb. 8, 2018	9:00 am – 10:00 am	<u>WEBINAR MEETING</u>

Council Members					
Allan Hackney, <i>Chair</i>	X	François de Brantes	X	Mary Ellen Breault	X
James Wadleigh, AHCT	X	Josh Wojcik, OSC		Robert Tessier	X
Robert Blundo, AHCT	X	Michael Michaud, DHMAS		Robert Scalettar, MD	
Dr. Robert Aseltine		Kimberly Martone, DPH		Jean Rexford	X
Melissa Morton, OPM	X	Thomas Woodruff, OSC		Victor Villagra	X
Ted Doolittle, OHA		Roderick Bremby, DSS		James Iacobellis	
Victoria Veltri, OHS	X	Matthew Katz	X		
Easha Canada, DAS BEST		Bernie Inskeep	X		
Supporting Leadership					
Kelsey Lawlor, OHS	X				

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome & Call to Order	Allan Hackney	9:00 AM
	Allan Hackney welcomed the Advisory Group and opened the meeting.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	9:05 AM
	There was no public comment.		
3.	Review and Approval of the November 9, 2017 Minutes	Council Members	9:10 AM
	Allan Hackney asked for a motion to approve the November 9, 2018 minutes. Francois de Brantes made a motion to approve the minutes, and Victoria Veltri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no additions and with Matt Katz abstaining.		
4.	OHS Transition Update	Allan Hackney	9:15 AM
	<p>Allan Hackney gave an update of the movement of the APCD into the newly-formed Office of Health Strategy. By statute, the APCD has moved over into the new office to be led by Allan Hackney, and this Advisory Group has fallen under his purview as Chair of the Health IT Advisory Council. This will effectively become a standing working group of the Health IT Advisory Council.</p> <p>Allan then described how the Office of Health Strategy has had to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement with Access Health CT to continue the maintenance and operation of the APCD while the transition takes place. Rob Blundo, the current Director of the APCD, has also been able to renegotiate a favorable contract with our database vendor, OnPoint.</p> <p>Matt Katz asked where the budget for this work is coming from, as it was not included in the Governor's proposed budget that had been released the day before. Allan answered that these funds come from outside of the state budget, specifically from an agreement with Access Health CT for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. By 2020, however, a new funding source will have to be identified.</p>		
5.	APCD Project Status Overview	Robert Blundo	9:35 AM
	<p>Rob Blundo gave an update on the APCD Data Collection and Quality Status.</p> <p>All registered commercial submitters meet the submission thresholds for the APCD. We have received enrollment and claims data from them successfully through December of last year.</p>		

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Fee for service Medicaid claims and enrollment data integration is complete and should be available for end users (APCD staff) to view by the end of February. This data, however, is highly limited to the purposes of the data use agreement – evaluation of the SIM initiative to create a public scorecard, and the evaluation of population health and planning efforts by the Office of Health Strategy.

Rob highlighted that Public Act 17-2 clarified the language around submission requirement of Medicaid data to include enrollment data, and OHS and DSS are currently discussing logistics around collecting this data. Both organizations are assigning resources to address this.

Rob then discussed work to enhance transparency work by providing data for researchers in a platform like excel, and then creating a web tool geared towards consumers. He noted a need to build out a project plan for these two tracks. He stated they might need to put together a working group to develop this.

Rob stated that there have been two approved data use applications – one from UConn Health Center to use the data in their evaluation of the SIM program and creation of a public scorecard and identifying patients at risk for suicide, and one from the Altrorum Institute to explore which episodes of care provide the best opportunities for improvement of health cost and quality, the extent of provider variation in costs and quality, and how CT’s medical costs and quality compare to other states with similar episodes of care. Rob stated that they are entering production mode for data releases, and more interest is anticipated.

Rob discussed the option of creating an “enclave model” that would offer users the ability to access data within our own secure environment. Whenever the parameters of the data release have expired, you can then terminate access to the enclave environment. This would differ than the current framework for data release, and offers increased security benefits.

Matt Katz asked if the agreement between AHCT APCD and DSS to include Medicare data has been moved over to OHS, or if that is ongoing. Allan Hackney answered that this agreement is actually under the SIM program, and remains unchanged during the transition to OHS. Matt then asked about timing for the dual tracks of providing data for researcher in a platform like excel, and then providing a web tool geared towards consumers. Rob answered that the key focus is to get a methodology together as to how they will provide this data, and the second track requires the creation of a web platform. Because we are currently in transition, it is hard to put a solid timeline on these initiatives.

Allan asked Rob to discuss Anthem’s recent submission of fully-insured claims under ERISA. Rob answered that because the Office of Health Strategy is now considered to be a healthcare oversight authority, it streamlines the process of collecting fully-insured claims that are covered under ERISA, and is an efficiency related to the APCD’s incorporation into OHS. The APCD had previously tried to incorporate this data from Anthem unsuccessfully.

6.	Next Steps	Allan Hackney	9:55 AM
<p>Allan discussed next steps related to the OHS transition as it pertains to the APCD. He believes that the efficiencies created by the APCD’s integration into OHS will allow for a more robust database, and increase the opportunity for more research, analysis, and the appropriate exposure of the data as it was intended for this APCD. Allan then explained the ongoing activities of the HIT PMO and Health IT Advisory Council to implement Core Data Analytic Capabilities to report electronic clinical quality measures. This would aid value-based insurance design, practice and payment transformation, and quality enhancement. He stated that they have decided on an architecture that will solve for a large variety of data analytic needs. Clinical quality measures are the first objective, but it will ultimately be able to bring in other types of data, such as the APCD. At the next</p>			

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	<p>meeting of the Advisory Group, Allan would like to have a long discussion on the Core Data Analytics Solution (CDAS), as the office has received \$8.4 million grant to build this project out. Allan also mentioned a need to discuss governance and trust agreements for the Health Information Exchange, and stated that he may reach out to members for input.</p> <p>Allan opened up the floor for questions.</p> <p>Victor Villagra stated that he thought that the CDAS sounds like a great project and congratulated the team on securing funding for it, and then asked what other kinds of data besides claims and quality data would be integrated into it? Allan answered that he envisions four main sources of data for the CDAS: quality measures from EHRs (eQMs), APCD claims data, hospital discharge and financial data from OHCA, health equity/social determinates of health data.</p> <p>Bob Tessier thanked Allan and Rob Blundo for the helpful update during the transition to OHS, and was glad to hear that we are not losing ground. He asked if we will be having an onsite meeting in May, and if there will be more information on the public consumer information reporting that has been described. Allan answered that he anticipates that there will be much more information available by May, and he plans for an onsite meeting as opposed to a webinar.</p>	
7.	Adjournment	Allan Hackney
	9:55 AM	
	<p>Allan Hackney asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Tessier moved to adjourn, and Bernie Inskeep seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.</p>	

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: 2018 Dates – May 10th, August 9th, November 8th

Meeting information is located at: <http://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Lt-Governor/Health-IT-Advisory-Council/Health-IT-Advisory-Council---APCD-Advisory-Group>