



All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2025 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | [Zoom Recording](#)

Attendance: Advisory Group Members					
Olga Armah (Chair)	R	Patricia Checko	X	Bernie Inskeep	R
Paul Lombardo	X	François de Brantes	X	Robert Barry, DAS	X
Robert Aseltine	X	Sandra Czunas	R	Michaela Dinan	R
Scott Gaul, OPM	R	Michael Giralmo, DHMAS	R	Cassandra Murphy	R
Sarah Carr, OHA	X	Robert Scalettar, MD	X	Gary Archambault, DPH	R
William Halsey, DSS	R	Mark Schaefer	R		
Supporting Leadership					
Sumit Sajnani, OHS	R	Elson Guo, OHS	R		
Tina Hyde, OHS	R	Paul Brady, OHS	X		
Agenda					
	Topic			Responsible Party	
1.	Welcome and Call to Order			Olga Armah, OHS	
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the APCD Advisory Group was held virtually on May 8, 2025. Olga welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. A quorum was established later in the meeting.				
2.	Public Comment			Members of Public	
	There were no public comments.				
3.	Review and Approve Minutes: February 13, 2025			Olga Armah, OHS	
	Olga requested a motion to approve February 13, 2025, meeting minutes. A motion was made by William Halsey and Mark Schaefer seconded. There was no discussion. Minutes were approved.				
4.	APCD Projects: Status Update			Olga Armah, OHS	
	Before the APCD update, Olga addressed two follow-up items from the February 13th APCD Advisory Group meeting: 1. Medicare Advantage Data: In response to an inquiry about the potential release of Medicare Advantage data, Olga confirmed with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that this data is not included under the current data use agreement between OHS and CMS and therefore may be released as OHS permits. 2. CONNIE REL Data and APCD: Regarding the question about the role of the Advisory Group in the use of CONNIE REL (race, ethnicity, and language) data to enhance the APCD, Olga reported that this matter is still under legal review to determine what				

	<p>data release may be permitted. Olga also confirmed that the release modality and the Advisory Group’s role will be determined subsequently.</p> <p>APCD Projects Update: (Please refer to the presentation for full details. APCD Advisory Group 050825 Presentation)</p> <p>Behavioral Health Dashboard: Olga was pleased to announce that the Behavioral Health Dashboard—developed in partnership with OnPoint Health Data and four other states — won an award for data dissemination at the NAHDO (National Association of Health Data Organizations) 2025 conference.</p> <p>This dashboard provides insight into behavioral health diagnoses using APCD data on cost of care, conditions, and utilization in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) measure of community vulnerability index based on social drivers of health. The dashboard also enables comparisons between Connecticut and the other participating states’ averages. Olga added that Onpoint will be available for a walk through if any members of the advisory group are interested in a demonstration</p> <p>Olga encouraged members to review the dashboard and share feedback to support ongoing improvements.</p> <p>Race, Ethnicity and Language (REL) Health Equity Dashboard. This dashboard will inform and support healthcare providers for communities that were significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Scott Gaul asked whether the Social Vulnerability Index data is still accessible, given that it is federal data. Olga responded that, fortunately, they are currently able to download the data. However, she noted that it is uncertain what will happen in the future when the data needs to be refreshed. For now, they do have access to town-level information for tracking purposes.</p>			
6.	<table><tr><td>APCD Strategic Activities Update</td><td>Paul Brady, OHS</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>The APCD Strategic Plan is organized into two main categories: Data Enhancements & Utilization and Operational Enhancements.</p> <p>Paul noted that OHS has been making steady progress in the <i>Data Enhancements & Utilization</i> category. In particular, a proposal is underway to develop and publish data visualizations using APCD data. Currently, three proposals are under review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Measurement Dashboard2. A Services Dashboard3. A Medicare Utilization Dashboard <p>OHS is actively engaging with OnPoint in discussions regarding the development of these dashboards.</p>	APCD Strategic Activities Update	Paul Brady, OHS	
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	<p>Additionally, OHS is collaborating with the Application Review Workgroup to update the APCD Data Request Application.</p> <p>OHS has also published an Opt-In Form for self-insured employers, allowing them to notify third-party administrators when they wish to opt in and report data to the APCD.</p> <p>Paul thanked Scott Gaul and William Halsey for their recommendation to fill the Medicaid Director/Designee vacancy on the Data Release Committee. Efforts are ongoing to fill the remaining vacancies, including the attorney position and a representative from the Connecticut State Medical Society.</p> <p>Paul informed the group that the healthcare Cost Estimator Tool is now live on OHS' Healthscore CT website. He encouraged members to review the updated version and send any feedback they may have.</p>		
7.	APCD Update: Data Available	Paul Brady, OHS	
	<p>Paul provided an update on the availability of APCD data. Commercial (2012) and Medicaid (2015) data are available through December 31, 2024, and Medicare (2012) data is now available through December 31, 2022.</p>		
9.	APCD Data Release Committee (DRC) Report	Dr. Patricia Checko, DRC Chair	
	<p><i>Olga turned the meeting over to Sumit Sajnani.</i></p> <p>Paul Brady provided an update on behalf of Dr. Checko. He reported that, to date, three applications have been approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two for Community Benefit related APCD data: Connecticut Children's Medical Center and Middlesex Health. • A third request, from the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Healthcare Management, was approved for a study on pain management. <p>In addition, there is a pending application from Lightbox Health Inc.</p>		
10.	Health Information Technology (HIT) Update	Sumit Sajnani, HITO, OHS	
	<p>Sumit reminded the group that this agenda item was added as a recurring update to keep the advisors informed of Health Information Technology (HIT) activities. He noted that there are several exciting developments to report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health IT Plan: OHS submitted the initial Health IT Plan in 2022. As required by statute, the plan must be updated periodically. We are now preparing for the next update, which will involve robust stakeholder engagement, including patients, patient 		

	<p>advocates, payors, providers, associations, and other key groups. This update will include new enhancements and a shift toward reporting on utilization. Sumit shared that Kristen Clyne-Hamitouche, OHS's Lead Planning Analyst, will be leading the development of the updated Health IT Plan. A critical component of the plan will be the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Planning Document (APD): Each year, we submit an APD to secure federal funding for HIT initiatives. While the primary focus is on supporting the Health Information Exchange (HIE), the funding also supports staff across OHS and DSS. The most recent APD includes several new use cases and enhancements for the HIE. • Connie Connectivity and Utilization: Over 3,000 provider locations across the state are now connected to the HIE through Connie. Yale New Haven is currently the second-highest user of Connie, underscoring the value the HIE brings to the state. • Trinity Health and EHR Continuity: Trinity Health recently experienced an adverse impact on its EHR system. However, due to the system's connection to Connie, the organization was able to continue delivering services and ensure continuity of care for its patients. • Legislative Activity: There are several active bills that impact the HIE. Sumit acknowledged the Public Health Committee for its strong engagement in HIT initiatives. In addition to legislative efforts, the team has been actively working on a number of other Health IT-related initiatives 		
11.	Wrap Up & Adjournment	Sumit Sajnani, OHS	
	Sumit requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mark Schaefer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.		

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Upcoming Meeting: August 14, 2025