



Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

Board Members Present	Board Members Present (via Phone)	ACHI/AID Staff Present
Commissioner Allen Kerr John Ryan Greg Bledsoe Jeff Brinsfield Call Kellogg Billy Roehrenbeck Renee Mallory Catherine Silva	Brad Martin Chad Aduddell Jill Arnold	Joe Thompson Craig Wilson Lesia Carter Jennifer Wessel Laura Landers Suzanne McCarthy Kenley Money (via phone)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Cal Kellogg called the meeting to order at approximately 2:03 p.m. Laura Landers recorded the minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9th meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Data Requests

a. Approved

Craig Wilson presented the board with updates to recently approved minutes. The Research Triangle Institute did an evaluation of the State Innovation Model for patients who are in medical homes and innovations of care. They submitted a report to the Center of State Medicare and Medicaid Services. Arkansas Biosciences Institute has four active approved projects with their subscription. Arkansas Center for Health Improvement has had their subscription approved by the board. ACHI has

been working with a multi-state collaborative sponsored by the Center for Disease Control looking at intellectually and developmentally disabled populations. Mathematica has renewed their data use and is continuing into 2019 with a multi-state evaluation of Medicaid Expansion Waiver efforts. Cornell University is in progress with looking at effects of privatization of the Medicaid Expansion Waiver and its effects. RAND Corporation is looking at continuity of coverage and providers in both the pharmaceutical and medical space. MyMedicalShopper was ready to present their website to the board that contains information about Arkansas claims cost.

b. For Review

In the last meeting, there was a motion to table the conversation about Arkansas Children's Care Network's (ACCN) data request to do some care management on their population. There was a motion to reopen the tabled conversation. Motion was approved. Rob Steele (ACCN) was present to answer questions from the board. ACCN is seeking to regularly receive re-identified claims data to better manage their network's patients. Conversation was held regarding patient consent and the uniqueness of this data request's nature. Re-identification is allowed in the HTI bylaws with the patient's consent. Rob Steele outlined the consent process ACCN proposes with an opt-in physical form filled out during a visit. Board members discussed the political implications behind this request, a pragmatic issue of patient consent, and an agreement that the utilization of this data has value for patient care management. There has been no engagement with legislation on this request.

In the last meeting, ACCN was going to discuss with their board whether the need for cost data claims is necessary, and at this meeting, they reported that they believe that it is in order to provide better care management. Including a non-discriminatory clause in the process was discussed, and ACCN agreed that they would require an annual opt-in form if the board feels it is needed annually.

Dr. Thompson suggested putting out a request for other integrated care networks to see if they are interested in forming a sub-group. There was a motion for Dr. Thompson to illicit this response. The motion was approved. Dr. Thompson asked for assistance from other board members in this process; John Ryan, Cal Kellogg, and Jeff Brinsfield offered their aid.

Due to technical issues with the phone, the MyMedical Shopper presentation was postponed to a later date. Two webinar sessions were scheduled for board members to review the website and ask questions about it.

c. Anticipated

Arkansas Department of Health is working with ACHI to procure a copy of the APCD data for public health surveillance, such as their project on infant mortality. They are also looking to link in the trauma registry with the APCD to see what data they are missing. There are four research requests from Cornell, RAND Corporation, University of Pennsylvania, and University of South Carolina. Genivity, a company that provides information on wealth management and retirement planning, is submitting a request. Another request that is being processing is from Remedy. Remedy is another healthcare transparency tool, similar to MyMedicalShopper, and they look into episodes of care.

IV. Data Submission Update

Kathy Hart updated the board on the current progress of data submission. Data warehouse is completed through June 2018. The third quarter submission data is completed. There are over 675 million medical claim lines, over 267 million pharmacy claim lines, over 25 million dental claim lines, and over 8 million APCD members. The APCD is currently fulfilling data requests for data up to June 2018 at this time.

V. New Items

Coordination with AID on PBM data

Last January, the Commissioner had a special session called for oversight of the pharmacy benefit managers. There is a rule now that the Commissioner has to make sure there is not a disadvantageous payment to limit networks of pharmacies and participating independent pharmacies. The APCD has pharmacy information in it. When ACHI looked into payment information inside of the different 46 carrier submissions, they are not as confident in whether they are all represented accurately. With the Commissioner's support, ACHI is doing forensic work into how to strength the APCD's PBM data.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments. The board adjourned at 3:09 p.m.