



Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2020 (via Skype)

Board Members Present	Others Present & by phone(P)	ACHI/AID Staff Present
Chad Aduddell Jill Arnold Jeff Brinsfield Cal Kellogg John Ryan Brad Martin Anne Santifer Jayme Mayo	David Jones-P Janet Mann-P Dennis Smith-P Alan McClain Bill Lacy Lesia Carter	Jennifer Wessel John Lyon Johanna Parsons Kenley Money Danielle Taylor Kathy Hart Craig Wilson Dr. Joe Thompson

I. Welcome and Introductions

Craig Wilson introduced the new state commissioner of insurance, Alan McClain.

The board members introduced themselves.

Chair Cal Kellogg recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:04pm

II. Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2019, meeting. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

III. Data Use Update

Mr. Wilson went over data use requests previously recommended or approved by the board.

- Brown University, from Dr. Maria Steenland: Request was to use data for an analysis of the effectiveness of Medicaid expansion on postpartum healthcare use and maternal morbidity.
- Kenley Money gave an update on the approval of the data request from the Arkansas Children's Care Network. Ms. Money stated that this has been a long time coming due to the nature of the data receipt. Work is ongoing on a pricing structure that will include purchase of APCD data and another agreement to put links on data that will associate the APCD with ACCN's data.
- Mr. Wilson gave an update on the Arkansas Biosciences Institute. The date-of-birth data element was requested and approved. Mr. Wilson reminded the board that any request through the institute has to provide justification.
- Mr. Wilson discussed the ongoing crisis stabilization center (CSU) project examining 200 CSU patients. In the 2017 legislative session, the Legislature approved funding for four CSUs around the state. This will be a long-term research project. ACHI has requested to look at CSUs as well. Dr. Joe Thompson said the idea behind CSUs is to provide an alternative to jail or hospital emergency rooms for mentally ill people in crisis.
- Dr. Thompson said we are continuing to follow individuals whose Arkansas Works benefits were terminated by DHS due to failure to meet the work and community engagement requirements. We are tracking to see when they re-enroll. Some are re-enrolling in Medicaid after the first of the year, and some are enrolling in commercial insurance.

IV. Agency Requests

Mr. Wilson briefly went over the agency requests:

- Arkansas Works (DHS extension): This is an extension of a previous data use agreement for a project with Millimen, performance in the ARWorks program.
- Pharmacy benefit manager assessment: The Insurance Department and Legislative Audit are requesting data regarding PBM's to see if complying with state law. The state is going before the Supreme Court over regulation of pharmacy benefit managers.
- Opioid litigation: Draft and data request from the attorney general's office on research and evaluation regarding what damages may be available to states as a result of opioid litigation.

V. Data Users Workgroup

- Ms. Money gave an update on the data users group. ACHI has invited those who use and want to use APCD data to participate. The intent is to improve data users' experience and help them collaborate with each other. ACHI is hosting a webinar on April 28 at noon, and all are welcome.

VI. Anticipated Data Request

- Mr. Wilson discussed Decision Q's request regarding predictive modeling for substance abuse. This is a request that is completed and under review by the decision team. The project will involve looking at data to understand and/or predict substance abuse.

VIII. Data Submission Update

- Ms. Money presented a data submission update. The data dates from January 2013 through September 2019, with an update through December 2019 expected in about two months.

IX. Environmental Update

- Dr. Thompson gave an update on COVID-19. Dr. Thompson said the healthcare system has gone through traumatic changes in the last six weeks, with hospitals experiencing serious shortfalls. ACHI lends support to the Health Department in tracking diagnosed, hospitalized, intubated, and expired COVID-19 patients. We should ultimately have a good historic record of what worked and what did not.
- Cal Kellogg briefly discussed how the care delivery system has been reshaped by telehealth and what may be the long-term effects.
- Chad Aduddell said hospital admissions are down 30-40%. Outpatient surgery is non-existent. Clinic visits are down 70%.

X. Public Comment

There were no public comments. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.