



## Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Educational Forum Meeting Minutes

**March 2, 2017**

Board Members Present	Board Members Present (via phone)	ACHI/AID Staff Present
	Chad Aduddell (CHI St. Vincent) Jill Arnold (Consumer Reports) Jeff Brinsfield (QualChoice) Cal Kellogg (BCBS) Renee Mallory (ADH) Brad Martin (UAMS) Billy Roehrenbeck (Pulaski Title) Shirley Tyson (OHIT) Doug Weeks (Baptist Hospital) Sally Welborn (Walmart)	Leisa Carter (AID) Pader Moua (ACHI) Nikki Patterson (ACHI) Dr. Joe Thompson (ACHI) Jennifer Wessel (ACHI) (by phone) Craig Wilson (ACHI)

**I. Welcome and Review of Minutes**

Renee Mallory called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Nikki Patterson recorded the minutes.

Craig Wilson reviewed the meeting packets and the agenda. Agenda items included:

- Harvard research data request consideration
- Transparency Initiative Act modifications
- Transparency Initiative funding
- APCD products

**II. Harvard research data request consideration**

Craig Wilson reported a new data request was received from Harvard and was recommended to approve from three out of four members of the Data Oversight sub-committee. Dr. Joe Thompson reminded the board that ACHI is generally not fulfilling external data requests until there is sustainable funding, unless it's a specific exception. Dr. Thompson provided an explanation for the data request, following, Billy Roehrenbeck motioned to approve the request. Cal Kellogg seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Thompson added the Harvard request is one of three anticipated data requests. The board previously approved the Mathematica request which is specifically for the federal multi-state

evaluation of the Medicaid expansion. The third expected data request will come from the Research Triangle Institute within the next couple of months. All three requests represent previous commitments or engagements by the state that ACHI is trying to both satisfy and capture for marketing purposes for legislative support.

Dr. Thompson provided an update of where ACHI is with Legislative engagement. Dr. Thompson and Mr. Wilson have been engaged with members of the House and Senate, Governor's office/ Executive branch, Attorney General and Medicaid Inspector General. An appropriation billed was filed for APCD for funds to flow into the APCD account but no commitment for funds have been made.

### **III. Transparency Initiative Act modifications**

Craig Wilson gave an update on the transparency act modifications stating most are cleanup items but some are new additions. The Commissioner reviewed changes to the act and Senator Sanders plans to file March 2 or 3. The new additions include changes to the fund structure for both AID and the administrator to have flexibility and not have to deal with unnecessary inter-governmental transfers when funds come in from different areas, some language that will respond to the Supreme courts Gobeille decision that federal law under ERISA preempts, state laws relating to all payer claims databases for self-funded plans under the modifications to the act, also strengthened language as it relates to fully insured ERISA plans and made it explicit that part of goal is to regulate the business of insurance, to make clear managed care organizations are covered as a submitting entity under the act and have included specifically any provider led organized care arrangements, and added language around trade secrets to clarify some issues heard from PBM providers to make explicit that we don't believe price alone is a trade secret.

Dr. Thompson elaborated on the language added to the act for the interest in the APCD from Bioscience Institute at UAMS. Mr. Wilson shared a suggestion from Senator Sanders noting that he suggested including a provision that would allow data that comes thru the state clearinghouse act thru ADH to be integrated into the APCD as well, as long as we apply just like the submitting entities do before they submit to us as the administrator that unique identifier that strips the direct personal identifiers. The appropriation has been filed and it's Senate Bill 500. The initiative act modification bill number is forthcoming.

### **IV. APCD products**

Jennifer Wessel shared with the board a map broken down by counties that has hypothetically qualified individuals that would meet the requirements for an application to determine their eligibility for access to the medical marijuana.

Dr. Thompson encouraged the board, if they have a relationship with members of the General Assembly and think it's of value, to make them aware of their interest and it would be helpful over the next several weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.