



Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Educational Forum Status Update (Informational Only)

October 10, 2017

Board Members Present	Board Members Present (via phone)	ACHI/AID Staff Present
Cal Kellogg (BCBS) Doug Weeks (Baptist Hospital)	Jill Arnold (Consumer Reports) Brad Martin (UAMS)	Leisa Carter (AID) (via phone) Kathy Hart (ACHI) John Lyon (ACHI) Suzanne McCarthy (ACHI) Kenley Money (ACHI) Miranda Morris (ACHI) Pader Moua (ACHI) Nikki Patterson (ACHI) Kim Richardson (ACHI) Dr. Joe Thompson (ACHI) Izzy Whittington (ACHI) Craig Wilson (ACHI)

I. Welcome

The meeting started at approximately 3:04 p.m. Craig Wilson declared the absence of a quorum noting that no motions or voting will occur until a quorum is recognized. The meeting convened with updates/reports only.

Agenda items included:

- Board Elections
- Data Submission Guide Review/Approval
- Data Intake Summary
- Data Use Status
- Data Requests
- Other Items

II. Board Elections

Mr. Wilson briefly recapped the development of the bylaws noting that they are to be reviewed annually. All statutory appointed members of the board serve three year terms. The first term of the board chair began in January. Those that were appointed would carry their role through the end of calendar year 2018. There is no prohibition on reappointment if members agree to serve again.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Wilson will send the bylaws to the board members to review and approve. If there are any additions/recommendations, they are to be addressed at the January HTB meeting.

III. Data Submission Guide Review/Approval

There are modifications to the data submission guide in which a quorum is needed.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Wilson will send the modified data submission guide to the board members. A phone conference will be scheduled if any input requiring discussion is needed.

IV. Data Intake Summary

Kenley Money shared a handout on the data submission status noting there are approximately 60 submitting entities. To date, over 8300 files have been processed. Ms. Money also provided an update on APCD versioning approach. Development is underway but the data base needs more stability. This will be done in phases and expectantly by the next meeting versioning approach number one will be in development.

V. Data Use Status

Mr. Wilson provided an update on the ongoing data use. The Bureau of Legislative Research is still working from their 2015 extension and is in the process of seeking another extension. The Insurance Department has a Data Analyst that use the data for quality enrollment reporting. They also use the data for actuarial analyses. The Department of Human Services also has actuary through Optimus for APCD data. They are also under a federal obligation to supply data for the Private Option report. Mathematica is in receipt of getting data through APCD. Harvard's Research request was slated to end in September but they sought an extension to continue research using data.

Mr. Wilson reported on an issue raised by one of the submitting entities regarding the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration Rule. The SAMHSA Rule was put into place to provide additional protection for substance use and mental health claims but allows disclosure by Part 2 entities. According to the rule, lawful holders become insurers and are not allowed to re-disclose information unless there is consent by the individual (or certain circumstances). The APCD council and others that are involved with the APCD have provided some guidance around the APCD but it's not clear. A case has been made at the state level that we are not subject to this requirement and entities are allowed to disclose to our APCD because we do not collect the personal information. Alternatively, we've made a case that research entities with an IRB can collect for research purposes but can't re-disclose it. There was pushback since ACHI does have an IRB for the APCD. We're still working with federal partners through the APCD council and the National Association of Health Data Organizations to get clarity and will continue to work at the state level to try to figure out ways to collect information.

VI. Data Requests

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the data requests noting that the Research Triangle Institute has requested to use APCD data for the evaluation of the state innovation model around the payment improvement initiative, episodes of care, and patient centered medical home models. Leavitt Partners contracted with DHS, has made a comprehensive request to look at all years of data and public/private sector information.

Jill Arnold reported that their non-profit organization Accreta, is looking at regionalization of care. They have requested data to look at deaths/births after cesarean and cesarean rates for all payers. The information will not be disclosed except for reporting purposes to Dr. Lowery, Dr. Zohoori, and Dr. Thompson.

VII. Other Items

Mr. Wilson reminded the board that we are working with ADH on a process to get medical marijuana qualifying patient data and integrate it into the All-Payer Claims Database under Act 948 of 2017. Cards will not be issued until dispensaries and cultivation clinics are in place. We will also work on a process to integrate hospital discharge, birth/death records, etc. in the APCD through Act 979 of 2017. Lastly, we are working with ADH for a process to collect data for research purposes under the prescription drug monitoring program A.C.A. 20-7-607 law.

Dr. Thompson reported on the administrative side of the Arkansas All Payer Claims Database. Act 948, Act 979, and A.C.A. 20-7-607 play into the sustainability options for the Arkansas All-Payer Claim Database. We are at the end of the federal support through the cciio grant. Along with the Commissioner and team, we're looking at sustainability issues. Based on users and experience with other APCD's, state agencies, task forces, etc. we have proposed a business model on the assumption that they consumed approximately two-thirds of data. The counter proposal was the state wanted it all free but to charge external users. The Commissioner and Dr. Thompson are engaged with the Legislative leadership and the Governor's team on making an argument for allocation of funds in the fiscal session to supply core support but over time there will be more external use.

Dr. Thompson announced that Ms. Money has been asked to join the board of National Association of Health Data Organizations.

Ms. Money shared that Colorado's APCD fulfilled 115 data requests this year which averages to approximately 25-30 thousand per data request. They have been collecting data for 5 or 6 years and have personal identifiers enabling them to sell name and addresses.

The meeting ended at 3:51 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.