



Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Educational Forum Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2016

Board Members Present	Board Members Present (via phone)	ACHI/AID Staff Present
Cal Kellog (BCBS) Renee Mallory (ADH) Brad Martin (UAMS) Billy Roehrenbeck (Pulaski Title) Doug Weeks (Baptist Hospital) Jill Arnold (Consumer Reports) John Ryan (Centene)	Sally Welborn Chad Aduddell (CHI St. Vincent)	Kenley Money (ACHI) Dr. Joe Thompson (ACHI) Elizabeth Whittington (ACHI) Craig Wilson (ACHI) Jennifer Wessel (ACHI) Kim Richardson (ACHI) Suzanne McCarthy (ACHI) Dan Honey (AID) Aaron Holman (PCG) Charlie Panches (PCG)

I. Welcome and Review of Minutes

Renee Mallory called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

Following introductions, Chair Renee Mallory made a motion for the adoption of the previous meeting minutes, which was offered by Cal Kellog and seconded by Chad Abuddell. Following the motion, there was unanimous adoption of the minutes.

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

- Review of minutes
- Officer elections
- Bylaw modifications
- Data submission guide changes/comments
- DOL proposed rule comments
- APCE activities/status updates
- Environmental scan
- Future decisions
- Public comments
- Next meeting/data request

II. Election of new officers

Renee Mallory opened the floor for the election of new officers. A motion was made by Brad Martin to reelect current officers, Doug Weeks seconded and there was a unanimous decision to reelect Chair - Renee Mallory and Vice Chair - Jill Arnold.

III. Bylaw Modifications

Bylaws were reviewed by Mr. Wilson, who noted that there were coding issues under Article 1 and Article II. 23-65-905 is incorrect and should be changed to 21-61-905. Article V Section 3 states there should be a quorum in order to make changes to data request. There was a vote to strike section 3, keep section 4 and allow the subcommittee to make their own rules for data request. Doug Weeks made the motions to adopt the code changes in Article I, Article II, eliminate section 3 in Article 5, move section 4 to 3. Allow the subcommittee to make their own rules for data request, Craig Wilson will review any rules or changes.

IV. DOL proposed rule comments

Mr. Wilson reviewed the Department of Labor (DOL) Proposed Rule, which includes a short section in response to the Gobeille decision related to data collection of ERISA self-funded plans. The proposed rule would require ERISA plans to submit aggregate-level information to the DOL. The APCD Council and other entities have developed comments in response to the proposed rule, modifying the proposal to request that the DOL collect claims level data with a common data layout. There was discussion amongst Board Members regarding common data layouts and creating consistent reporting requirements for payers. Following this discussion, the recommendation was made to join in the APCD council comments regarding this data collection process. The motion was made by Brad Martin to join in with the proposed comments, and Mr. Weeks seconded the motion. There was additional discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of joining in on the proposed comments, particularly with respect to the use of a common data layout. There was then a unanimous decision to join in with the National Academy of State Health Policy (NASHP) and APCD Council comments regarding the proposed DOL rule.

V. Data submission guide changes/comments & APCD status update

Kenley Money reviewed the updated Data Submission Guide (DSG) and the changes made as part of the review process. Notably, the updated version of the DSG includes versioning guidelines, new fields to accommodate versioning, new fields identified through the initial build, and added and reorganized examples throughout the DSG. Additionally, file encryption information, redesigned data validation, updated exception process, and some threshold changes were incorporated. The feedback received from carriers was positive. Cal Kellog thanked Ms. Money for our cooperation with the process. Ms. Mallory made the motion to approve the revision of the DSG. Mr. Kellog seconded, a unanimous decision was made to approve the revision of the DSG.

Ms. Money also provided an APCD status updated, noting that 87% of covered lives have been received by the APCD. Ms. Money also discussed remaining submissions from Group 3 & 4 carriers for historical data submissions. Board Members also reviewed the 2,000 covered lives threshold and had additional discussion.

VI. APCD activities

Ms. Money also reviewed work in creating a dental pricing tool and provided a list of dental visit codes and descriptions for board members to review. She also noted that this exploration has included input from a dental subject-matter-expert with UAMS. Dr. Joe Thompson discussed the rationale for reporting on dental procedures and imaging procedures, asserting that high rates of dental un-insurance and competition amongst imaging centers established the need for improved consumer reporting. Board Members discussed this information and Dr. Thompson noted that sample reports should be available for review during the next meeting. Dr. Thompson also reviewed prescription drug classes that have driven up costs for the Employee Benefits Division (EBD) plan. The medical grouping software RFP was also discussed, with ACHI staff noting that bids have been received and is currently in the scoring process. Once awarded, the final contract will be contingent upon legislative review. Dr. Thompson also discussed RFP draft for Medicaid Managed Care Dental Services, noting that the APCD will have dental claims information and the ability to evaluate dental quality under managed care. Dr. Thompson also reviewed the initiative funding levels, noting three levels of funding and the outputs that would be available contingent upon funding levels. Dr. Thompson also noted that AID will be providing additional funding for 2017 with minimal funding of \$750,000 met by ACHI. However, to provide a publically-facing website, approximately \$3 million annually would be necessary. The Board Members discussed this information, and Dan Honey noted AID's role in reaching out to potential stakeholders to solicit additional funding. Mr. Wilson also noted exploration of becoming a qualified entity for Medicare data, which would be beneficial for the Initiative. Dr. Thompson also reviewed the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) and updates on the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative. Mr. Wilson also noted that the Data Request Subcommittee will need to convene within the next few weeks to review a pending data request.

VII. Bylaw Modifications

Bylaws were reviewed by Mr. Wilson, who noted that there were coding issues under Article 1 and Article II. 23-65-905 is incorrect and should be changed to 21-61-905. Article V Section 3 states there should be a quorum in order to make changes to data request. There was a vote to strike section 3, keep section 4 and allow the subcommittee to make their own rules for data request. Doug Weeks made the motions to adopt the code changes in Article I, Article II, eliminate section 3 in Article 5, move section 4 to 3. Allow the subcommittee to make their own rules for data request, Craig Wilson will review any rules or changes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 PM.